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Your story	My wife owns a property in Bundanoon, a village in the Southern Highlands that was impacted by the Morton Fire. My son similarly owns a property at Paddys River.
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	It is common knowledge that the major cause of the catastrophic fires was the lack of planned and well-organised hazard reduction in National Parks and around villages. Indeed the poor management of National Parks in regard to allowing the accumulation of high fuel loads is recognised as the most significant factor in the loss of life and property in the recent fire season. Whilst climate change has occurred this does not mitigate the responsibility of National Park management, Councils and other organisations to appropriately manage fuel loads in a co-ordinated manner rather than the chaotic current process. Indeed impediments by these organisations to appropriate hazard reduction need to be removed.

1.2 Preparation and planning

Change the culture of National Park management so that the fuel load within National Parks can be appropriately managed.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Adequately resource the volunteer Rural Fire Service.

1.4 Any other matters

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