Your details

Title
Mrs

First name
Nicole

Last name
Power

Submission details

I am making this submission as
A resident in a bushfire-affected area

Submission type
I am making a personal submission

Consent to make submission public
I give my consent for this submission to be made public

Share your experience or tell your story

Your story
We are land owners of the nominated address. Our property backs onto the Tallaganda State Forest which was devastated during fires on the 28th November 2019. Our property was damaged as a result of a lightening strike that occurred in the Tallaganda on Tuesday 26th November 2019. We watched and waited to see what would transpire leading up to Friday. The fuel load on the ground and neglect of the Tallaganda State Forest was appalling. The Bombay Fire Trail is/was almost inaccessible due to neglect by NPNSW and Forestry. The only way our properties were saved was thanks to our neighbours son who accessed it via Bombay Rd (which has been closed indefinitely a few years ago) to put out spot fires on our dwellings. There was no way to get an RFS truck up there where there are 5-6 homes due to neglect of the road. Our elderly neighbour wasn't aware of the fire in the Tallaganda until I kept calling him to ensure he had a fire plan and somewhere safe to go. I believe someone else had contacted him also as he's very isolated up there. My argument regarding land clearing and removing fuel off the ground is one that needs visiting. Our neighbours are the best environmental keepers - instead they were

threatened with fines a number of times removing dead wood from the State Forest. The fuel load on the ground and lack of maintenance is the issue here.

Terms of Reference (optional)

The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

1.1 Causes and contributing factors
Fuel load and lack of maintenance of the fire trail

1.2 Preparation and planning
Nil

Supporting documents or images