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Your story	<p>Over winter 2019 we were subjected to a lot of smoke from household fires, to the point our house had to be shut up most of the time. The smoke did affect our health. We looked forward to summer for a break from the smoke. Roll on the summer fires. For weeks smoke hung around our neighbourhood, to the point all our windows and fly screens were coated in ash residue. My husband has to have urgent surgery in April. Upon health checks prior to surgery it was found he had a form of pneumonia related to smoke. The enquiry into how bushfires have affected communities is welcome and necessary. However, this winter we do not need to be victims of household fires that are poorly managed. Widespread Government education must be introduced to inform households of the effects of smoke on their health. Many of us are already affected via the bushfires both with the smoke and stress of whether the fires will take your home. We do not need another winter of shutting up our homes so we can breathe.</p>

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Climate change, still denied by our leaders. Leaders who take no notice of experts in the fire prevention fields. I feel there was many situations where control burning over winter was not possible due to risk factors and poor conditions to safely do so.

1.2 Preparation and planning

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

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