



Your details

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Title

First name

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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

Had to flee my home 5 times told no one could stop this fire it was heading straight to Tallong so scared Out of our control my husband was in wheelchair just had a operation and my son had a operation on his left hand so had to get them in car and dog and flee to motel each time with clothes on back this should never happen again we need a bigger fire brigade at Tallong and more equipment and more firefighters and fire engines for we live in a bush area and more funding for the Tallong fire brigade I was so scared for my family and new there was no help on its way we just had to run away each time I never want to go through this again still getting over this experience from Rhonda Weterings.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

No one to put out the fire early in the peace the village of Tallong nsw 2579 had not enough help and funding to get prepared for a very bad fire season need new fire engines fire equipment we need the latest equipment for we are in a fire prone area With trees and nature should of done burn offs before this and been prepared for fire season to much fuel on ground we have national park and gouges all around us no planing by national parks to keep residents safe

1.2 Preparation and planning

Need more preparation and planning for the villages and more funding for Tallong village need trees trimmed on side of roads Highlandway needs to be constantly maintained by council without residents having to ring all the time for it to be done it is a tourist drive residents and tourists need to be safe broken branches need to be checked and trimmed for safety of people

1.3 Response to bushfires

Tallong Wingello Penrose just forgotten not enough firefighters all at Batemans bay in the early stages Help came to late government needs to fund these rural areas with. Funding and fire equipment and pre prepare them before fire season so this will never happen again we got no help in these village s except with our local fire brigade which isn't enough in a catastrophe we have a large community living here to late to little Responce to Tallong Wingello Penrose residents just had to flee we were forgotten

1.4 Any other matters

We are a large residential community with homes and families in the villages felt like the government just told us to get out the fire is heading your way we can't stop it There was nothing to protect our property s and family we were on our own what a horrible experience our pets horses chooks birds just had to be left and hope for the best .need better firefighting equipment and new update for we need better equipment then Sydney for we are in the bush prone area .Council should trim side of road at least once a. Month without us chasing up on it. It is hard on Tallong we are in different council Goulburn council .Wingello Penrose are in Wingecarribee council we are part o highlands but split up with different councils we are the villages of the highlands and we need this tourist drive to be kepted safe and maintained constantly for it is a beautiful part of the world left natural but needs to be maintained please give Tallong village funding for new fire equipment

Supporting documents or images
