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<b>Your story</b>	Although Helensburgh wasn't directly affected by the fires this year, I used the Fires-near-me app on many occasion to monitor the fire situation in NSW. This is an extremely useful tool to enable the public to be given up-to-date information. However I was very surprised to notice that the displayed information stopped at the State boundaries. Unfortunately fires don't respect these boundaries and, as we saw near Eden, the fire crossed the border from Victoria, but the Fires-near-me app gave no information about the situation in Victoria. There are probably separate apps for each State. This information needs to be shared and visible in a single national app. The situation would be identical for anyone living in NSW near the Queensland border. Fires are a national problem and the public needs national information at their fingertips (literally).
<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	

**1.2 Preparation and  
planning**

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**1.3 Response to  
bushfires**

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**1.4 Any other matters**

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