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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

i own a house at Laguna in the Southern Hunter Valley. There were a large number of bushfires in the area and my house was saved by the great work and bravery of the RFS who fought the fire on Yengo Creek Road less than 1km from my property.

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

the primary cause is climate change leading to extreme high temperatures. Dam water levels and ground water tables have been at historic lows in part resulting in a huge fuel load, particularly on the drier western slopes.

Electrical Power lines running through bushland are also a problem and greater maintenance and protection of these is needed.

1.2 Preparation and planning

We need a National commitment to decarbonise the economy. Local measures have limited value with fires of this scale and intensity.
The whole Coastal part of NSW was essentially wiped of its economy for two months.

The RFS needs to have more and better equipment including aircraft.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Mitigating climate change and lowering carbon emissions is a long term strategy.

In the short term aggressive clearing and backburning and greatly augmenting the resources of the RFS is necessary. In addition a remuneration model to compensate the RFS firefighters and support teams needs to be introduced.

1.4 Any other matters

Insuring homes in bushfire and potentially bushfire impacted areas will increasingly become problematic. The Government should consider introducing a scheme for it to be the insurer of last resort as it did in the years after 9/11 when Terrorism Risk was uninsurable.

Supporting documents or images
