



Your details

Mr

Title

First name

Last name

Submission details

I am making this submission as

Emergency services personnel

Submission type

I am making a personal submission

Your position in the organisation (if applicable)

District Manager

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 am including an email which I have recieved from an RFS member/land holder in the Ellerslie area near Adelong which was directly affected by the Dunns Rd Fire in January 2020. I have given the member an undertaking that I would include his email of concerns on his behalf

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- Email concerns -Bob McMahon Ellerslie 06.05.2020.pdf
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My name is Robert Cutler McMahon. I am a 70yr old farmer of Ellerslie Adelong. Our property address is [REDACTED]

We were severely impacted by the Dunn,s Road fire on 4/01/20 including losing our home of 45yrs. Along with many others we are angry/distressed /annoyed by fire management /mismanagement. Better early management could have contained and extinguished this fire.

- 1)There needs to be greater local input to management decisions
- 2) More and better maintained buffer zones between State and Private Forestry and National Parks
- 3) A major change in National Park Management to incorporate regular and frequent cool fire hazard reduction burns

- 4) Do wild fires only burn between 9 -5 and not on public holidays or weekends ?

Hume Forests ,National Parks and RFS seem to think so .After hours shifts were left to exhausted local Brigades and Farmers . Isn,t this the most sensible time to grade and burn containment lines.

- 5) The watch and Act classification involved too much watching and little action.

My family witnessed 4 incidents where visiting RFS units would not act.

Thankyou

Robert McMahon