



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

I am an RFS member currently with the Merimbula brigade, since 2018, after moving to Tura beach from Upper Brogo, prior to that I was a member of Quaama bush fire brigade for 9 years as an active member. On New Year's Eve 2019 I was with my brigade suppressing the Mytle Mountain fire, at that time the Badja forest fire impacted our property (which we still own) with the loss of our home of 40 years and 4 outbuildings (sheds and studio full of equipment, machinery and personal property) and other infrastructure. This property not being our primary place of residence precluded our eligibility for any of the bush fire relief grants. Not being insured means our place is a total loss as this was our investment for our future, and represented 40 years of work. However, we are registered for the clean up which we are looking forward to.

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

prolonged drought exacerbated by climate change

1.2 Preparation and planning

Funding for National parks and other fire fighting agencies needs to be increased,NOT decreased as has been happening in the last few years.Also for the ABC as our emergency broadcaster who do a magnificent job with their limited funding.

1.3 Response to bushfires

On a federal government level it was sorely lacking,after being for-warned of an imminent horror bush fire season,more resources were asked for and denied by the federal government,refusing to take advice from expert scientists and expert fire fighting authorities.This to my mind is really bad government.

Supporting documents or images

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