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Your story	<p>Our little coastal village was pretty much circled (horseshoe) when we were impacted by the currawan fire.</p> <p>My husband was determined t stay and do what he could to protect our property. I had packed up the caravan with all we held important (thinking we both would evacuate). As we were told to be out and into Ulladulla by 10.00am My thoughts were then if he would not leave I needed to take the van (which scared me as I had never towed a van) into Ulladulla Evacuation Centre not knowing where to go as I was unable to put the van into a site I asked for assistance from a friend at the EVC. The time spent at the Headlands Caravan Park was very stressful watching the progression of the fire in the distance, knowing my husband was there, most of the time there was no reception and another friend stayed with me, she was in contact with her husband in Lyra Drive where the fire had hit as it backed onto bushland (gully) They couldn't leave tabourie and we couldn't go there was no communication and often no power for them.</p>

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

We live on the beautiful south coast of NSW Surrounded by National Parks and Council Reserves. Unfortunately these parks are littered with dead round cover built up over many years our electricity wires and communication towers are situated in these parks We have asked numerous times for council reserves some which back onto many of these parks to be (back burned). We have a bushcare group in our town which do plant many plants but clearing of any area of dead material is considering against nature.

1.2 Preparation and planning

It the relevant parks reserves and residents were ("allowed ") to control the amount of fuel built up over a given period of time and the severity and cost of the summer fires would be reduced. During the fire period at Lake Tabourie evacuations were coming via the Princes Highway through the full on fire activity. It was a miracle by all the services who really should not be putting their lives in this situation that people were not incinerated in their cars as they travelled to now which was taking in many cases 11.00 hours.

1.3 Response to bushfires

Princes Highway is am MAIN HIGHWAY ???? Even without any major disasters is grossly inadequate given the growth in the south coasts population. Lets move the trees back from the highway before any more population lessening the loss of life in fires and car accidents.

1.4 Any other matters

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