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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

What I want to say could probably fill a book so I'll come straight to the few points I want to make.

It should be obvious to all by now that the decades of so called hazard reduction burn conducted in the south coastal region of NSW has been an absolute failure in controlling the most recent bush fire crisis.

Our smoke filled lungs from early autumn to late spring has been for nought except for causing untold respiratory illness.

Maybe authorities should be concentrating on hazard reduction operations around towns and villages rather than large forested areas in national parks and state forests, etc.

My hat goes off to all those brave emergency personnel who risked their lives in saving dwellings, villages and towns.

However, in no way do I want these people to suffer bodily harm or even lose their lives to save a structure; it's just not worth it and in particular, RFS members' attitudes need to change.

And finally, I am thankful that my brother, his family, RFS mates

jand friends are still alive and picking up the pieces out there at Nerrigundah; alive only due to their own initiative and experience- RFS needs to have a good look at that whole operation and learn, that could have been so easily 12 people dead huddled in a shed.

And mr ex RFS chief commissioner, your comments about people living in the bush were most unwarranted, unappreciated and unhelpful- this is Australia, climate change is upon us, crazy fire bugs live amongst our communities- solutions rather than accusations and scapegoats.

No more unnecessary destruction of our forests and bush lands and no more loss of life of our brave emergency respondents.

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