Title	Mr
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I am making this submission as	Resident
Submission type	Personal
Organisation making the submission (if applicable)	
Your position in the organisation (if applicable)	
Consent to make submission public	Public
Your story	I stayed to protect my property, (while the rfs ran, and I can't blame them, no one was going to stop what we saw) I brought the ladies from accross the road to my place, as they are/ were surrounded by dense un managed scrub. When the fire hit we spent the night doing ember patroll and putting out spot fires. All around us the bush was burning like nothing I have ever seen, and the noise was deafining. It was amazing to watch as the flames, twice as high as the trees (40 -50m) got to my boundary and lowered to the ground, where we could manage it.
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	100% fuel load. We'll always have bush fires, but we should never have fires with such intensity.
1.2 Preparation and planning	I am of the belief that bush land should be managed. This responcability must be taken by government and land holders. As a Builder, I believe the fire should be fought away from the house. BAL ratings are fine, but we shouldn't be sitting back and

building a house to BAL 40, than saying, great, I can let the scrub grow right up to the eves.
I've found there to be 2 leading blockers to managing land. 1. EPA, and the fear of fines for trying to protect life and property. 2. The general missconception of what the bush looked like 200 years ago.
I can prove that managing the land works to prevent intensity. I can prove the fire's intensity was due to fuel loads. I can prove that trying to replicate the Australian bush as it was 200 years ago, creates, less fire danger and far greater habitat for native animals.

1.3 Response to bushfires	I can't comment on the responce. I think the government has been more than supportive. I also belive that, give a man a fish, he'll eat tonight, teach a man to fish and you've fed him for a life time.
1.4 Any other matters	
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