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Your story	<p>We had evacuated numerous times this bush season. On advice to be either in town or on one occasion north of Nowra. Our home was so smokey we had towels on doors as I have athsma. We wore P2 masks if outdoors. On 31 st December we were told to be in town by 0800. The evac centre was full to the brim. No room indoors. Then grass set fire there. We went to our local Soldiers club which opened at 0930. It was terrifying and 45 degrees that day by then. The club filled with smoke and we could see fires around us. Industrial site.with a generator running for just one hour.then darkness and no flushing toilet so we left to go home.. Power off for days after and debris all over. Dead leaves. Ash over solar.roof at home again. Fires near us. Less than 3 km Currawan 11 then caused further problems nearby for days.so we stayed in a hotel in Nowra over 300 dollars spent.Meals eaten out due to power cuts no fridge no phones or internet. Very expensive on aged pension. Suitcase packed for weeks in the car.emotionally exhausted from waking two hourly</p>

for fire updates on radio. Unable to store food. No access to refrigeration several times.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Fuel load very visible here. And route of fire from Clyde mountain to houses well known from past fires.same route.need trees down and a green belt? CSIRO report done in 1970s on this south coast already but homes built in its path still

1.2 Preparation and planning

Warnings sometimes on mobiles .firesnearme not operating well?

1.3 Response to bushfires

Amazing fires. Red Cross registration done many times . Time consuming and they had no records on system in evac centres?had to fill in another form there

1.4 Any other matters

Evacuated to Nowra.spent 20 hours in a car due to road closures. Only one way out as Kings Highway was closed for weeks.scary journey. In Nowra shops all closed.no food thenfires started there. Worse thanin Eurobodalla. Not a good thing to evacuate there. Trauma twice

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