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## Your details

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## Submission details

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**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

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**Your story**

I live in Burragate.  
Evacuated 6 times  
Impact on village predicted several times  
Border Fire stopped 3 ks away

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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The Inquiry welcomes submissions that address the particular matters identified in its [Terms of Reference](#).

**1.3 Response to bushfires**

Lack of communication. Burragate lost power and therefore landlines for several days. There is no mobile reception. The Border fire was threatening to impact. This is of serious concern Overwhelmed rfs. Could not be everywhere at once. Increased

severity and frequency of fire due to climate change. Rfs needs to be better resourced. Particularly ppe. Defence force need to have properly trained personnel and appropriate equipment. To be called on by the rfs and directed by rfs  
Evacuation centres should be prepared to receive people with disability and complex care needs.  
A national fire map app. Being near a border and constantly swapping between apps frustrating. Apps need to be updated more frequently so more trained staff who can be called on when events are rapidly changing.  
Great communication from local rfs. Community meetings with Marty Webster were informative and honest.  
Great and accurate information posted on Wyndham Public Notices Facebook page. Chiefly posted by Chris (Doss) O'Sullivan. The most accurate.

## **Supporting documents or images**

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