

## Your details

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**Title**

Ms

**First name**

Helen

**Last name**

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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 the town of Wingham so my own home was not affected. However for weeks we felt In danger and were constantly monitoring where the fires were and if coming close. We know families who list their homes and this was very distressing. It really felt as if the whole area was in a state of mourning and depression. It also felt as if there was very little help from official channels govt etc the main help seemed to be from volunteers.

I feel angry that the government has not really acknowledged the part climate emergency played in causing the fires. There has been no plan to take action on climate. It is dodo very disturbing that logging recommenced straight after the fires.

## Terms of Reference (optional)

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

**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

I think that the combination of drought and climate emergency are the main factors leading to the fires

**1.2 Preparation and planning**

I do not think we were at all prepared and are probably still not if it happens again

**1.3 Response to bushfires**

The volunteer firefighters did an amazing job but there were not enough trucks and crews and nowhere near enough water to tackle the huge fires

**1.4 Any other matters**

I am concerned that not enough has been done to help this who lost their homes and livelihoods and that now with the virus they are being forgotten. I also concerned that we need to be planning ahead for next time and that required genuine, rapid and big actions on climate emergency

**Supporting documents or images**

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