



Your details

Ms

Title

First name

Michele

Last name

Anderson

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

My home has public land behind it and I would like to submit a suggestion related to Term of Reference number 6, which is about "Land use planning and management and building standards, including appropriate clearing and other hazard reduction".

In late 2019, our neighbourhood (Safety Beach) was placed under bushfire evacuation orders. It was a frightening time with the grass and trees both extremely dry. We had cinders floating over our house in the wind from nearby fires. There are large gum trees on the public land behind our home, with branches that hang over our property, above our wooden deck, as well as branches of the trees that often reach to the ground. These trees are fire safety hazards. I would like to be able to either trim the branches to help provide a safer environment for bush fire mitigation or remove the two trees that are very close to the

house, because right now, if a fire came through the public bushland it would likely cause my home to burn because the trees are so close. See picture 1 attached.

The second suggestion is that we extend the movable strip of public land near the homes in order to create a wider barrier between the tree and higher shrubs and the homes. Today we can mow up to 22 metres. I would feel much safer if we could mow a wider fire barrier than this, up to 50 metres. This seems to be a natural response to warming climate as the risk of fires is steadily increasing.

Thank you for your consideration.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.2 Preparation and planning

We know from science that our climate is working and so it makes sense for us to adapt our preparation and planning to take account of climate changes. Two suggestions for "Preparation and Planning for bushfire hazard reduction" are:

- Trimming branches from trees or removing trees that are close to homes, which would help to reduce the risk of homes burning from bushfires.
- Creating a wider mowed barrier on the public land next to homes, which would help to reduce risk of homes burning from bushfires

Supporting documents or images

Attach files

- Picture 1 overhanging trees.jpg
 - Picture 2 mowing barrier.jpg
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