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<b>Your story</b>	<p>We could all see this was going to be a bad fire season and were talking about it, planning, inventing and worrying. It was months of looming fire front, map reading, app layering, talking to people you trusted with experience, listening for wind changes, aircraft and sirens. Staring out of windows at night for hours looking for flames. Looking days ahead for the bad days and wondering whether it was a day/week to stay home from work and if the road was open. Dreaming up crazy rooftop inventions, stressing and triple checking insurance policies, preparing mentally to lose everything you built and owned. Knowing you were exhausted. Deciding how much you would risk and justifying that and wondering if it was the right decision. Wondering how painful it would be to be burnt to death. Would it be like drowning where by some bodily nuance there is peace? What would it be like face to face with this fire? Would anyone come? Reading more about fire, watching docos on fire, learning more, cramming, buying more stuff, inventing stuff, practicing, walking through. Would my</p>

suburb burn? Running through your plan, realising you were wrong, changing your plan.

I live in a suburb now but used to live on a property. I feel like there are so many unknowns even with some knowledge. Imagine if we could read the bush better, like we can forecast the weather and the surf. Plan burns better, do it early, draw on indigenous fire and land knowledge, have more designated teams of people, training for volunteers, more National Parks staff. I don't have the answers. I think we need a bigger team, a big conference of ideas, more planes, more money and the ability for fuel load reduction burning to be done at the right time. Thanks.

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**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

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**1.4 Any other matters**

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