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Your story <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/the-monster-a-short-history-of-australia-s-biggest-forest-fire-20191218-p531>
Above is a link to the Gospers Mountain fire started from a lightning bolt which made ground near a disused airstrip in a
grown area of the Wollemi National Park on the afternoon of October 26 2019.
I have read , initially the National Parks and Wildlife Service would be responsible for putting it out.
You can see in the link above that NASA satellite active fire hotspot detection is available to detect fires, I don't know what
authorities.
We have many waterbombing helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to quickly reach inaccessible bushfires , and slow

there, but it seems we wait till ground crews call for assistance before they spring into action.

In 2019, why do we wait ?

Surely lessons have been learned from the past ...or have they.

Interesting extract from the internet

House of Representatives

Select Committee into the recent Australian bushfires

23 October 2003

Canberra The Committee heard a consistent message right around Australia:-

. local knowledge and experience is being ignored by an increasingly top heavy bureaucracy;

. there is a reluctance by state agencies to aggressively attack bushfires when they first start, thus enabling the fires to build in intensity and making them harder to control; and

. better communications between and within relevant agencies is long overdue.

Below is a link to an ABC report on the 2003 Canberra bushfire.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmZf6P8vWhM&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2EWiug9kDEI8GJHygWEjw21jJ>

All firefighters need better filter masks too.

Peter Sargent

Warragamba

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

1.2 Preparation and planning

1.3 Response to bushfires reluctance by state agencies to aggressively attack bushfires when they first start

1.4 Any other matters All firefighters need better filter masks

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