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<b>Your story</b>	I have been practicing Cultural Land Management for 6 years. Using Cultural Fire & Cultural land clearing ideology to educate rural property owners in protecting & maintaining their property from the threat of bush fire. I have spent 25 years mapping traditional cultural sites in a number of national parks, state forrest, reserves and general bush land with the greater hunter and central coast area.
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<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	Excessive fuel loads due to over grown/over populated bush land. No land management practices in place. Dry unseasonal climate compounding the above conditions.
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<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	There is little planning to address the vast areas that burnt out and will indeed become a catastrophe again in the future.
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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

Start by implementing Cultural Land Management systems in rural areas, along the urban interface, National Parks, State Forrests and anywhere bush land adjoins populated areas.

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**1.4 Any other matters**

Catastrophic bush fires will continue due to the overgrown, unmanaged bush land.  
The threat to areas which escaped this seasons conditions require immediate attention before catastrophe strikes there.  
It will take a few short years before conditions will be right again and history will be repeated unless a traditional land management ideology is implemented.

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