

Your details

Title

Mrs

First name

Sue

Last name

Langenbaker

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

The Border Fire came within less than 5kms from my home. We were told that Eden was indefensible and that there were no resources to protect the town. On the evening of the 4.1.20 we tracked the progress of the fire from several sources and the wind velocity and direction from the internet. We were told that Eden was expected to be impacted somewhere between midnight and dawn.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Far too much government owned land encroaching on the residential areas of Eden with very little attempt to control and hazard reduce over a long period of time. Lack of hazard reduction in Victoria which caused this fire to cross the border and charge full steam ahead towards Eden. Extended drought period leading into this event

1.2 Preparation and planning

Agencies prepared and planned for a bushfire event but this fire was over and above what anybody could have imagined. Again lack of hazard reduction over a number of years contributed to this event

1.4 Any other matters

Crown lands have a lack of duty of care, I live in the middle of a crown lands area and they will not supervise the slashing services that they pay for. They tell the Department of the Environment that I have had a slasher around my home when the slasher has not turned up to hazard reduce because of a lack of oversight. They also claim a lack of resources ie not enough staff to manage all the areas they are responsible for they also do not pay rates to our local council so there is a deficit of funds available to our local council.

Supporting documents or images
