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Your story	<p>My husband and I and other family members assisted local firefighters to back burn in our area to stop fires leaving Girard's state Forrest to enter pastoral land.</p> <p>All the firefighting personnel did their best but the personnel from away did not know the area. Many local landholders have left the RFS in the past because of the way outsiders took over running it, many experienced locals have been lost to the RFS because of the red tape.</p> <p>Also the Forestry and National Parks need to provide dams for the Helicopters to refill water bags for water bombing so they don't have to fly so far to refill. They also need to maintain their fire trails so RFS can access fire areas safely. Cool burning in winter is a must if we are going to protect our wildlife.</p> <p>The only fire trails maintained in Gerrard's State Forest near Tenterfield are the ones they are pulling timber through. That is not good enough.</p> <p>NON OF THIS IT ROCKET SCIENCE, JUST COMMON SENCE.</p>

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Drought is the number one factor.
Fuel load in timbered areas.
Lack of maintenance and water catchment in National Parks and Forestry
Give local RFS volunteers more say about how to fight local fires

1.2 Preparation and planning

Maintain fire trails and access roads, put in water infrastructure like dams to provide emergency water for fire fighters

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

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