



Your details

Ms

Title

First name

Tammy-lee

Last name

Sulcs

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

In the recent bushfires that came through Batemans Bay on New Years Eve 2019 my home received close to \$200,000 worth of damage.

My 76 year old mother with emphysema, my son with eczema and myself where displaced for over a month. Five of my 7 neighbours in the street lost their homes completely and 3 of my adjoining backside neighbours homes where destroyed completely also. Every day since moving back into my home I can see out of any window rubble of what used to be a beautiful neighbourhood.

My home backs onto a Council owned reserve, which was completely overgrown and unmaintained, in the 8 years that I have owned my home there has never been any maintenance of any sort to the reserve. Small trees and bushes 5-10 metres tall from the reserve pushed up against and hung over back fence. The larger Gum trees some 20-25 metres tall stand only 10

metres from my back fence, the canopy of these trees touching the canopy of Gum trees in my yard.

I believe that if council had followed RFS recommendations of 10/50 rule and maintained their land my family and I would not have suffered the way that we have and live with these frightening memories. And the fear that it could all happen again if nothing is done to maintain.

I also believe that if the RFS had of gotten to my street only minutes later my home would have been destroyed with the rest.

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

Complete lack of maintenance to council reserve. Very thick under growth on council owned reserve unmaintained encroaching onto private property. Large gum trees on council owned reserve within 10 metres of privately owned property. Canopy of large Gum trees on council owned reserve connecting with Gum trees on privately owned property .

1.2 Preparation and planning

Regular maintenance of council owned reserve

Supporting documents or images
