



Your details

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Title

First name

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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

We started fighting the nye bushfire at 4am New Year's Day. We had been preparing our property for days beforehand, but nothing could prepare us for what was to come. We were surrounded by fire by 5am and I was terrified for our lives so I called 000 knowing there was nothing they could do but I wanted someone to know that we were there. We fought this fire for hours, we were exhausted and the smoke was debilitating for days after. There was no light for days, it was like living your worst nightmare. It was Everyman for themselves that day as our RFS were stretched to their limits, they had 4 volunteers protecting our Main Street. We are a few of the lucky ones that saved our home, but

somehow I don't feel very lucky.
The anxiety and depression knowing your friends are suffering because they have lost everything is debilitating, I don't know how long this will last for.
What ever comes from this Royal Commission, I hope we all learn something from the summer from hell.
Mother Earth needs our respect!

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	Drought, fuel load, human impact on climate change.
1.2 Preparation and planning	Implement indigenous fire practices. Stop burning fossil fuel Change to clean renewable energy
1.3 Response to bushfires	Don't cut funding to RFS Stop logging native forests The fuel load loggers leave behind is a big contributor.
1.4 Any other matters	While we have been in lock down because of covid19, I hope that we as people and our leaders are learning from this. We are not necessary, Mother Earth is fine without us. Please take note. She is not happy!

Supporting documents or images

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