



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

I have been an active member of the RFS and I am also what you would call an "environmentalist". These two should not be contradictory descriptors yet they are.

Terms of Reference (optional)

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

1.2 Preparation and planning

While I support bushfire preparedness, I do not support self assessment of the 10/50 clearing code. There are many people who would seek to use this as a backdoor to land clearing for other purposes. I do not support any changes that would enable more uncontrolled and ill-intended, either directly or indirectly,

reduction of the urban tree canopy. Approvals for "Joe Public" to clear vegetation with no training on bushfire or environmental risk is not acceptable. Who would be ensuring that habitat corridors are protected, and if not, who is managing the ecological impacts of this on threatened species genetic sustainability?

A more detailed review of the Code is also required, and its longer term impacts must be assessed.

Supporting documents or images
