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Your story

I live at Smiths Lake which is considered a high risk fire danger area. This fire season we were lucky. A fire at Tarbuck Bay could have caused devastation in Smiths Lake but the wind was blowing away from us. There are many vacant blocks of land, including council land that have never been cleared in the 20 years that we have lived here. They are overgrown with plants like lantana etc. Because of the lack of water prior to this fire season they would have easily ignited if embers had come this way. All the land around the lake is overgrown with lack of fire trails. Again fire would just rush up through the dead undergrowth to burn the houses. There is only one road in and out of Smiths Lake - if there was a fire here it is likely there would be many casualties. Council have had 2 fire mitigation plans commissioned - one in 2000 and another in 2011 - both of which make many recommendations which have not been implemented. Smiths Lake is now quite a large community that is very vulnerable in the fire season.

1.1 Causes and contributing factors

1.2 Preparation and planning

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

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