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**The deadline for submissions is 27 March 2020, but this can be extended for those directly affected by the fires.**

## Your details

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## Share your experience or tell your story

Your story

We could of lost everything on the Tuesday afternoon, only I had to get my husband insulin out of the back bridge, seen a fire start out the back, called out "fire out the back, not knowing we had a fire truck out the front. The came a fire truck out with no trouble. But it was Wednesday afternoon.  
Rest on paper. attached.

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### 1.1 Causes and contributing factors

Too much rubbish on the floor of the forest. has not had a controlled burn for 45 years, need to do more burns in cold weather so this does not happen again.

### 1.2 Preparation and planning

Had no time to prepare for this so intense fire.

### 1.3 Response to bushfires

leave as soon as possible if not before.

### 1.4 Any other matters

If any out of town fire trucks in to help, always put a local in the trucks so they know where to go.

## Supporting documents or images

### Upload files

enclosed photos of what we lost & the fire from across to road at the neighbours house

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that we lost everything. We ~~had~~ was having a cuppa & I said to my husband, I can smell fresh ~~smoke~~ smoke, by the time we walked to the road to look, we only had time to get our pets into cars & leave. I think it would of only been 10 mins. It was time to go to the next door neighbour's place which was a safe place to go. I asked her to call 000, but it was a waist of time, the fire was too fast & fierce, it was in the tree tops & dropping hot embers on to ground, so moved so fast. I (Lyn) had to go back to get another car which had two dogs in it, I had to stay on the wrong side of the road all the way to the car. The heat was so so hot that I was singed on my left side. The cars was so hot, I burnt to tops of my fingers on the handle. Got back to the neighbours where we watched the fire raging through the forest. I am a astmatic so it was hard for me to do what I did, but to save my pets, I did it. Thank goodness I had a pupper with me at the time.

When we could we went back to see the damage, which was a disaster, to see what was gone, was the worst thing, we had nothing left. Just us & our pets, and the clothes on our backs. When we could we went into town following two fire trucks because the smoke was still thick. We were glad we had a friend to stay with at the time. The only thing I would like to know is why was not the fire put out before it got so out of control. I don't know if we will ever get over this disaster, our grandson lost so ~~much~~ much time <sup>at school</sup>, because of this, it ~~still~~ still is affecting him now, & the same as us. I want to put more into this but even writing this is upsetting to me. Sorry.

Lyn Campbell

P.T.O

I forgot to say my husband has lost \$300,000.00 of machines that was all done up & we can't get anything back for them. That is antique cars & tractors, <sup>& trucks.</sup> It is so wrong. It is up to the national parks to compensat us this for this. The photo's will show you what we lost. I forgot how can you replace your grandparents, parents things, your kids things & grandkids things. I also lost a Elvis DV's & CD's collection which I can't replace. Also so many things I can't replace so many do ~~not~~ mention  
Sony. Lyn.

















