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<b>I am making this submission as</b>	Resident
<b>Submission type</b>	Personal

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<b>Your position in the organisation (if applicable)</b>	

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<b>Consent to make submission public</b>	Public
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<b>Your story</b>	<p>I lost my home and all my possessions during the Currowan fire at Yatte Yattah on new yrs eve. I was caught with my family and had to drive through flames to try and escape. We were caught by fire both north and south on the princes hwy and had to shelter with a family who took us into their small wooden cabin as they fought the fire. We thought we would die. We received no warnings except a message @ 1030 am to seek shelter as fire was approaching. If we had stayed at our house we would not have survived, an hour later we were driving for our lives. The generosity of the family who took us in and their efforts over the next 90 minutes I am sure saved my families life. We sought shelter on the same street that a person was found dead in their car, Tierneys rd, just off the princes hwy down from Lake Conjola turnoff. Our house is opposite the Lake Conjola turnoff. The nursery behind the cabin and everything around it burnt down. We had no warnings and no help, understanding that resources were severely stretched that day. Early in the morning we had</p>
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noted many fire trucks heading south on the hwy before the fire was nearer to us a few hours later. Our story is one of many but may help give an idea of what was happening, or not happening that day. Thank you

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**1.1 Causes and contributing factors**

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**1.2 Preparation and planning**

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**1.3 Response to bushfires**

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**1.4 Any other matters**

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