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What is your submission based on? I am making this submission based on my personal situation

What was your personal situation in relation to the 2019-20 Bushfires?

Where do you live? Indigo (S)

Your Submission

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response worked well?

Vic Emergency app. social media eg Facebook. Beechworth Community page, Twitter # can't remember #

However social media is a bottom up approach not part of the emergency response. I find reports from locals on the ground (through social media)more accurate and timely than radio updates.

ABC local radio and ABC TV News station excellent. (not sure if they are part of official response)

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response didn't work well?

In your experience, what needs to change to improve arrangements for preparation, mitigation, response and recovery coordination for national natural disaster arrangements in Australia?

Evidence based advice to local residents. Too many arguments from left and right sides of politics. As usual correct response probably lies somewhere in middle. It would be good if officials could visit some properties on request to give evidence based advice. I am a 70 year old single female and find it hard to prepare my place. I don't want to completely denude my place of trees which I love. I intend to leave in case of possible bushfire. Lots of division here among CFA and greenies which I am sort of(ie member of Landcare and environment lover). Very divisive and I am reluctant/scared to take sides. However I do believe there should be more risk mitigation in terms of controlled burns and ability to collect firewood in high risk areas.

Is there anything else you would like to tell the Royal Commission?

Not really

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