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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? Eurobodalla (A)

Your Submission

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

Early in the day the local council and bushfire brigade cut down undergrowth in a reserve around the local brigade headquarters and the reserve adjacent to Mc Nee Street Broulee.

We were told to evacuate by the nsw rural fire service and then the police'

I elected to stay as i would not have forgiven myself if my property was not defended. (Some others did the same)

The fire was an inferno coming towards our properties (I kept hoseing my property and another beside me that fronts onto another reserve)

I was able to keep our properties wet by continuous watering and putting out embers as the fire was coming my way.

I was lucky as the fire coming my way when 500 meters away changed direction due to a southerly wind .

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

I was told that Broulee would not be defended by any brigades on the day in question

Everyone had to evacuate Broulee and not to be defended .as there not enough resources to fight this fire .

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

Undergrowth in national parks and reserves should be kept to a minimum

Every Approxyyears there should a controlled Hazard reduction burn in all reserves and National parks so this will never happen again

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

The reserve between McNee ,Massey and Imlay street which fronts south Broulee Beach (Where my home and others are)

is a bush fire hazard with undergrowth that has been there for over 30 years . The undergrowth has encroached on a majority of private properties fronting this reserve (Within approx 4 meters)

Our properties are in a 10/50 vegetation clearance area

Surely this piece of reserve should be cleared from properties by the standards provided by the state government (ie 10/50 vegetation clearing)

Eurobodalla Shire Council and the Crown lands\department are responsible for this situation.

If the fire that was coming our way had not changed direction this reserve would have been on fire and not one of our homes would have survived

and Broulee would maybe have been a disaster area

I did contact Eurobodalla Shire [REDACTED] Approx November 1919 which was passed onto the rural fire service in January

I also would like to say [REDACTED] NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE should be commended as [REDACTED] has followed up on this matter

where possible but it has not come to any conclusion.

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