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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? Mid-Western Regional (A)

Your Submission

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

The local RFS members; they knew the area and could predict what the fire would do. They were also willing to go above and beyond the paid firefighters.

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

- * Running the bushfire from an office in Mudgee.
- * Not allowing local RFS to back burn, even though conditions were right for this.
- * Decision making taken off the local fire captain.
- * Too much fuel on the ground.
- * Not enough resources; from face masks to aircraft.

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

- * Let landholders back burn in the winter.
- * Let local people make decisions about their homes/properties.
- * Allow local RFS captains to make decisions.
- * Make National Parks 'clean up' the fuel on the ground.

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

What happened in Spring/Summer 19-20 was not just a result of global warming. We need to maintain the local environment to prevent bushfires. Local people can read the weather and geography of the land. This needs to be considered when decision making is occurring; it can't simply happen from a desk top.

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