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Your Submission

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response worked well?
 Areas where the bushfire emergency response worked well
 NSW RFS Fires Near Me app.
 Warnings vial ABC and texts and on-ground of fire coming to your area and to be prepared.
 Protection of lives and houses within the fire areas.
 Response of community and neighbours to assist.

In your experience, what areas of the bushfire emergency response didn't work well?
 Areas where the bushfire emergency response didn't work well
 Failure to attack fires vigorously at the outset.
 Failure to prepare fire breaks during the day and back burn at night or during the day when conditions allowed.
 Failure to hold fires in 'the box'.

In your experience, what needs to change to improve arrangements for preparation, mitigation, response and recovery coordination for national natural disaster arrangements in Australia?
 Changes required
 Failure to attack fires vigorously at the outset.
 Failure to prepare fire breaks during the day and back burn at night or during the day when conditions allowed.
 Failure to hold fires in 'the box'.
 Inability to communicate directly with RFS crews due to RFS not having UHF radios.

Is there anything else you would like to tell the Royal Commission?
 In addition
 The states should have annual targets for hazard reduction burns and be monitored and held to account to achieve these levels.

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