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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? Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional (A)

Your Submission

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

The mobile fire app was good as was the text messages sent to the phone.

ABC 666 radio was really good.

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

There was not enough collaboration across border. Whilst the daily briefings on ABC 666 Radio in ACT were great we were never sure which bits applied to us. I live in Royalla which is both cross border ACT / NSW . There was no NSW briefings on a daily basis from local Palerang Queanbeyan council .The NSW briefings for our area were non existent until very late in the piece. I ending up getting my information from Michelago RFS which regularly posted on facebook a detailed update about the three fires that threatened us.

There seemed to be a lack of resources available fire crews , helicopters & planes to deal with with more remote fires that then turned into much bigger fires that caused much loss of bush & property. One can't help thinking if these fires had dealt with earlier the losses would have been much less. Especially fires across the Monaro & South Coast.

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

We need to follow the science not just a knee jerk reaction .

We need to properly fund the RFS

The bush fire relief funding needed to roll out more quickly to people directly affected.

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

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