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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? Snowy Monaro Regional (A)

Your Submission

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

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

Hazard Reduction does not work in the long term. It is hazard creation, not hazard reduction. Fires have to start somewhere and more than eighty percent are caused by lightning strikes, the rest by misadventure and foul play.

We can fly to the moon, build Snowy 2.0 etc, so we should have the ability to control spot fires with aircraft, drones and other means.

The modern firefighter is now centrally controlled. Decisions are taken away from the grass roots fire captain, causing a big delay in action.

To quote a Riverina farmer, a fire brigade member, 'more fires were put out in shorts and thongs than these yellow overalls.'

These days there is a lot of money in firefighting, often going to the wrong section. In previous years when grazing was permitted in the National Parks, it was not the stock that kept the fire hazard down, it was the vested interest of the lessee who would lose his stock, his grass and possibly his lease if he contributed to a fire. Therefore fires were quickly dealt with.

Thank you for this opportunity.

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

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

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