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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? Bathurst

Your Submission

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

For the scale of fires on land scape they tried.

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

Not enough weighted response on new fires in the landscape. E.g. this is where LATS should of be used each knock them down keep small.

Line scans weren't enough should have been at least four or five a day

To help in the identification for plans.

Prioritisation of fires in the landscape at a high-level so you get better use off resources and you have enough resources to do the adjectives to contain the fire rather than everybody trying to do is unlimited resources and lose and every time.

Watching local politics dictating strategies and objectives for example local group captains continuing to try tactics that have worked in the past but had kept failing over and over.

Sometimes watching tactics been used due to times in the week for example weekends where volunteers are easier to get and failing rather than watching the weather and do and tactics based on that best opportunity or window.

Running big IMT's a long way away from the fire and over multiple big fires didn't work well because it become too big and clunky which foot them behind the fire nearly every time due to the speed that they could react or implement local strategies.

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

I feel one of the big improvements we can do is to have real time data going back to imt teams using multiple line scanners / drones the can give up to date information 24hrs a day this would help operational so we know were a fast-moving fires are moving.

And stop reliant on aircraft for example helicopters and lats because most of the time to Smokie too windy for them to get into do anything.

Also up-to-date line scans would help in planning best strategy and tactics for containment rather than use in 24hour old information that is out of date.

Also allows better messaging for evacuations and staff safety.

Fire trails shouldn't have to be put in all dressed up in front of the fire they should be at a high standard so they're ready to be used straight away and take opportunities to get the fire smallest possible rather than having to spend days during preparation for operations.

Use of the army is fantastic they fit in very well in the background doing Logistics and should be used a lot more for example setting up basecamps moving around machinery working after the fire has gone through for cleanup operations

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

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