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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? Eurobodalla (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?

Volunteer fire-fighters were not compensated and, as many were self-employed, have suffered serious loss of income and in some cases financial hardship.

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

Provide financial compensation for volunteer fire-fighters. I suggest a valuable model would be the compensation paid automatically to persons called up on jury duty. Fire-fighters would need to certify that they had been engaged for, say, three days or more and receive a payment equivalent to being on a jury away from their workplace.

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

Compensate volunteer fire-fighters. Jury duty provides a useful model.

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