



**Royal Commission**  
into National Natural  
Disaster Arrangements

## Submission Cover Sheet

This cover sheet has been prepared by the Commission's public contact team to accompany a submission.

### Person completing cover sheet

1. **Staff member name** [REDACTED]
2. **Date completed** 01.04.2020
3. **This cover sheet has been completed based on:**
  - details contained in the submission
  - a phone call with the person making the submission
  - an email from the person making the submission
  - Other (provide details) -

### Submission details

4. **Full name** [REDACTED]
5. **Email** [REDACTED]
6. **Telephone** [REDACTED]
7. **Preferred method of contact** not stated
8. **Is the submission based on:**
  - primarily based on their personal situation.
  - primarily based on their professional knowledge, qualifications or experience, or on behalf of a group or organisation
9. **If the person is making the submission on behalf of a group or organisation, what is the name of the group or organisation:**

If the submission based on personal experience:

10. **What was their personal situation in relation to the 2019-20 Bushfires? Choose all that apply.**
    - were not living in an area affected by bushfire
    - were in an area affected by bushfires but was not evacuated, and didn't suffer personal or financial loss
    - lived in an area affected by bushfires and was evacuated, but didn't suffer personal or financial loss
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- lived in an area affected by bushfires and was evacuated, and I suffered personal or financial loss
- part of the emergency response as a fire fighter on the ground
- part of the emergency response as an aerial fire fighter
- part of the emergency response as health professional
- part of the emergency response as an Australian Defence Force member
- part of the emergency response as a Commonwealth or State government employee
- assisted the emergency response as a community support volunteer
- assisted the emergency recovery (i.e. after the fire event) as a community support volunteer
- Other – Personal views – lives in fire effected area

**11. Where does the person live:**

Local Government Area

Choose an item.

Town name

Leura

Post code

If the submission is based on professional experience

**12. What is your area of expertise? Please choose all that apply.**

- Emergency/disaster response and/or management
- Environment/land management
- Land use, planning, building standards
- Impacts of changes in climatic conditions
- Wildlife conservation
- Traditional land and fire management practices of Indigenous Australians
- Community welfare
- Other

All submissions

**13. Does the person agree to their submission being published?**

- Yes, agree to the submission being published in their name
  - Yes, agree to the submission being published anonymously
  - No, does not agree to the submission being published
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Hi,

I wish to put forward my views as to what could of happened better so as lessons can be learned for next time

1. Fires near me app would love to see the actually fire in red. As currently this suggests shows all concerned (residents, visitors and possible guests) that the whole of the blue Mountains was on fire and still on fire some 8 weeks later. As a tourist why would you come up?
2. Fire app the wording associated with the areas burned on reading the explanation it reads that it is still on fire (Under Control ie Watch and act)
3. When the media is broadcasting about bad smoke in Sydney why not tell the viewers how good the air is elsewhere so as those who would like to escape the bad air know where it is good to go
4. Back burning therefore should be a plan in place that area within a certain distance of homes HAVE to be back burned on a regularly basis ie 5 years maximum
5. Councils allowing residents to remove trees around their property especially gum trees as these are a big concern in a fire situation. I am 2 houses away from the fire zone, but when you look at google maps all my neighbours leading down to the bush have a huge fire load as the properties are long and have a lot of trees. Common sense needs to prevail, and residents should be encouraged to remove trees so as to protect all concerned.

Kind Regards,

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