

Submission Form

Please complete this form if you would like to provide input or comments about coordination, preparedness for, response to and recovery from the 2019-20 'Black Summer' bushfires.

Personal and Background Information

1. Full Name
2. Email
3. Mobile/Telephone
4. What is your preferred method of contact if we want to follow up with you?

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5. The Commission would like to understand the views of community groups based on their respective experiences and background.
 - a. Please select Option 1 if you are providing input and comments primarily based on your personal situation.
 - b. Please select Option 2 if you are providing input and comments primarily based on your professional knowledge, qualifications or experience, or on behalf of a group or organisation

Option 1: Based on your personal situation, please complete the following.

- a. What was your personal situation in relation to the 2019-20 Bushfires? Please choose all that apply.

I was not living in an area affected by bushfire

Other

- b. Where do you live? Please provide your Local Government Area, town name and post code.

Local Government Area Choose an item.

Town name perth

Post code

Option 2: Based on your knowledge, qualifications or experience, or your role representing a group or organisation, 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

Input / Comments

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

none. it was a complete debacle. People were left to fend for themselves as usual. Fire fighters were not properly equipped and woefully underprepared. There were way too few firefighters. The ineffectual response in which people died fighting the fires begs the question of why were lives put at risk trying and failing to stop the out of control fires that science predicted 10 years ago. Since nothing was done in that 10 year window of opportunity, why was the response so panicked and foolhardy? The complete lack of action over a decade suggests that the decision was already made that the fires would be left to destroy whatever happened to be in their paths. This is exactly what happened in most cases, just as we knew it would.

Perhaps someone could explain the point of this enquiry to me. I have yet to hear of any recovery plans to benefit any person or any bit of the vast areas of scorched bush and scrub.

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

nothing worked well because the fires were not put out. The vast majority of fires were just left alone to run their course. only the very few that threatened built up areas were reacted to. Obviously with limited success.

So the emergency response was a failure as the fires were not extinguished.



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

proper and appropriate funding based on science. Australia has shown itself not to be capable of any effective natural disaster recovery. The state of the environment report shows this lack of competence clearly.

Perhaps we should pay someone else to do this work who is competent in this field. I suggest the Germans would have the expertise to protect us and our environment from natural disaster since they have preserved 54% of their original forest cover through 2 world wars and rapid ongoing development. You might even know that 2 summers ago the german people were actually paid to use power as they had a glut on their hands.

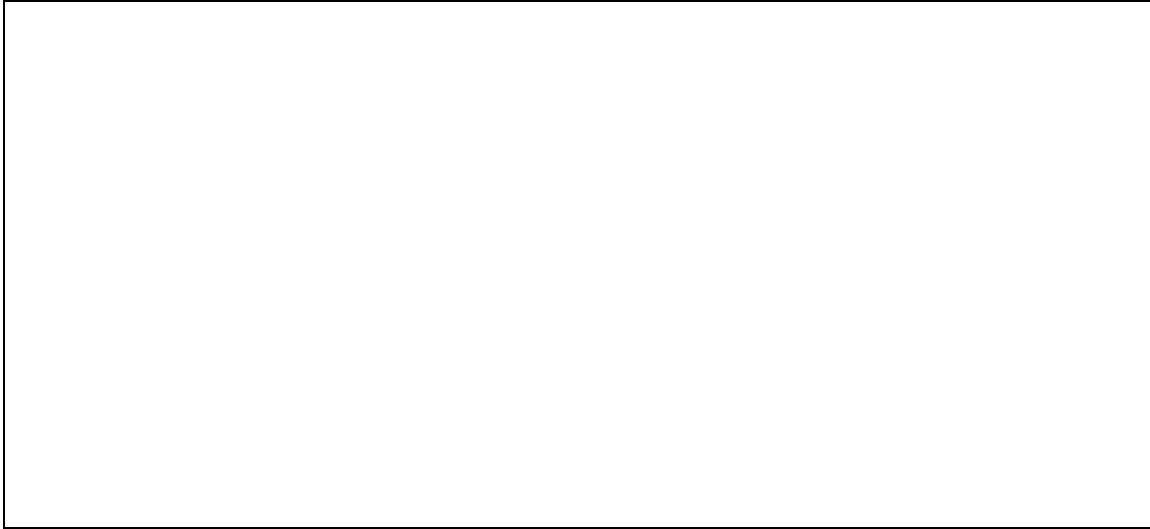
Something most australians are not even capable of imagin9ing.

If you have a better idea for managing our environment and natural heritage, you can let me know.

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

What is your point in this exercise.? To what end are you spending money? What benefit is it to me? Or anyone other than yourselves.? We have just squandered a heap on an aged care commission with absolutely no resulting improvement in anything, so I am not inclined to waste my time providing kilos of information and documentation.

First you should show good faith and transparency.



Do you intend to provide supporting material?

No

If you are providing any supporting material, please include it with your Submission if possible. If you need to send it separately (e.g. if you make a Submission over the phone), please ensure supporting material can be clearly identified as relating to your Submission by including your name or other identifier so that it can be considered with your Submission.

10. Do you agree to your submission being published? (Mandatory)

Yes, I agree to my submission being published in my name

Once you have completed this form, email it to rcnda.submissions@royalcommission.gov.au or print the form and post it to the Royal Commission at:

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