



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** 14.05.2020
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) – Attached Letter

Submission details

4. **Full name** [REDACTED]
5. **Email** [REDACTED]
6. **Telephone**
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:** Jarrahdale Forest Protectors Inc

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

11. Where does the person live:

Local Government Area	Choose an item.
Town name	Jarrahdale
Post code	6124

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
 - Not stated
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Commissioners
Royal Commission into National Natural Disaster Arrangements

By email: rcnda.submissions@royalcommission.gov.au

Dear Commissioners

Unfortunately our group, the Jarrahdale Forest Protectors, was unable to put together a submission for the Bushfires Royal Commission.

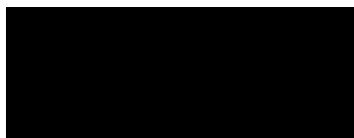
We are affiliated with the WA Forest Alliance and wish to support their submission, with a specific emphasis on Western Australia's Northern Jarrah Forest.

Taking the opportunity to comment briefly - it's widely regarded that wildfires such as those that occurred in Eastern Australia during the summer of 2019/2020 should be avoided if possible because of damage caused to the environment, human infrastructure and commercial interests, and risk to human safety. This is obviously difficult given Australia's climate, geography, and vegetation characteristics.

The issue of prescribed burning also arises in this discussion. It is obvious but important to point out that Australia's Indigenous peoples actively managed this land using fire for thousands of years prior to British settlement, and these practices are still relevant today.

It is also important to note also that the forests of Australia have been altered to varying extents by activities such as timber harvesting, and in the case of the Northern Jarrah Forest in WA, bauxite strip mining. These considerations should inform land-management decisions.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.




President

13 May 2020

The forests of the 21st century will be valued most significantly for their natural beauty, biodiversity, flora and fauna habitat, passive recreation, bush walks, tracks and trails, clean water, as well as for their aesthetic, cultural and spiritual benefits.