



Dear Inspector-General of Emergency Management Tony Pearce,

I would like to make a submission to the Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian fire season. My personal details are below:

Name: 

Email: 

Gender: Female

Age: Prefer not to answer

Privacy preference:

My personal story of the fires:

Our close friends and their family were in the family home near Mallacoota with their 2 1/2 yr old. My friend was in early stage pregnancy and they were 1/2hr from facing evacuation and losing the family home. C unfortunately miscarried as a result of the trauma she and her family experienced that night although their daughter is safe and well.

My response to term of reference: Consider all challenges and implications for bushfire preparedness arising from increasingly longer and more severe bushfire seasons as a result of climate change:

As a nation we need to accept that climate change is a real and present threat to our country. We need to move towards job creation through renewables, phase out fossil fuels completely, encourage and help households to move to electric cars and zero emission targets in the near future.

My response to term of reference: In considering effectiveness of Victoria's operational response to the 2019-20 fire season, IGEM should particularly consider, "planning and response mechanisms to protect biodiversity threatened by bushfire":

Our biodiversity and the very species that make Australia unique and attract tourists and tourist dollars to our country have been severely damaged by the bushfires. In the wake of the bushfires forest logging has continued and destroyed remaining habitats for injured and struggling wildlife. This needs to stop in the short term to allow the habitat of our wildlife to regenerate.

My response to term of reference: Review of all opportunities and approaches to bushfire preparedness, including different methods of fuel and land management (for example 'cool

burning', mechanical slashing, integrated forest management, traditional fire approaches) to protect life and property as well as ecological and cultural values:

I understand the need for land management but that alone will not eliminate the core issue which is climate change- it is real and threatening our planet and our existence. Land and fuel management alone will not solve this issue. The threat is not only from bushfires but rising oceans, dramatic weather events as well as bushfires and this strategy fails to deal with or mitigate the cause of the issue.

I would like to add the following:

These issues haven't diminished in the wake of the current crisis. They are as important if not more so as the government has a unique and extremely unusual opportunity to reset the economy using renewables as a life line to people who have become unemployed. It has the ability to kick start our environment, our tourism industry and our economy if the right choices are made.

I would like to make the following recommendations:

A strong commitment to reducing emissions to zero by 2050.

A strong commitment to renewable energy as the catalyst for employment.

Encouraging and helping households to switch to EV and other renewables to reduce costs and emissions.

Yours sincerely,



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Kind Regards,

