

**INQUIRY INTO HEALTH IMPACTS OF EXPOSURE TO
POOR LEVELS OF AIR QUALITY RESULTING FROM
BUSHFIRES AND DROUGHT**

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For my family, the hazardous air quality had the greatest impact on my baby daughter and my partner who suffers from asthma. Firstly, it was a frightening realisation that my baby's childhood was already being impacted by climate change. She is not quite 1, yet within her first year her life was disrupted and negatively impacted by the effects of climate change. I lost count of the number of days that we had to stay indoors due to hazardous air quality. On numerous occasions our plans were cancelled and I was impeded from taking her outdoors to enjoy the kind of outdoor activities that us adults have, up till now, taken for granted as being a 'normal' part of childhood. Secondly, my partner missed a number of days from work as he was unable to venture outside when the air quality was hazardous. I'm begging our government to please, stop supporting fossil fuels. Our kids future is too precious to gamble away like we have been doing.