

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

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Dear Members of Parliament

My main concern is the quality of air/lost of top soils/ our beautiful fauna and flora caused by the fires. As you well know we could not breathe clean air for months and we do not know the consequences it will cause to children who had to breathe that kind of air.

According to an article published on SMH, 1/3/2020 "Former Victorian Country Fire Authority chief Neil Bibby said many of this summer's fires could have been tackled before they burned towards towns and property with greater aerial resources. "It's a fundamental theory: put the fire out when it's small and then you don't have as big of a problem," he said.

Wilderness Society policy director Tim Beshara said beefing up aerial firefighting would improve public safety, benefit nature, and help meet Australia's international environment obligations. "It makes no sense on any level that the Commonwealth automatically stumps up for firefighting costs when a fire is near a home or a farm but not for putting out a fire in the middle of a World Heritage Area," he said.

"Look at the size of the fires - more than five million hectares in NSW. The majority of the area burnt was nowhere near homes and people, but we lost more than 10 times more property than any time in NSW's history," Mr Mullins said."

I agree with their statements and also agree with the scientist when they say that the Australian Government has to do more to Combat Climate Change as the price of doing NOTHING will cost us more on increase cost on health, insurance premiums, tourist refusing to come to a country where air pollution will be the norm, and nothing to see when it comes to our beautiful native fauna and flora, loss of arable land, and clean drinking water,

Thanks!!