

Dear Senate,

I live in the Blue Mountains, NSW, and we have been affected by serious fires over many years. We know first hand the effect of fires and are also aware that the trend has become that the weather is more and more atypical - both extremes.

Everyone in Australia needs to feel they can cope with an emergency caused by fire or other weather-affected events. Neighbourhoods are the logical place to build capacity in people to have strategies in place.

I would like to suggest that there be a program that supports individuals in an area to have simple communication and other preventative strategies in place for the worst case scenarios.

Regards,

Vera Costello