

As I sit in my idyllic home in Sydney's Mosman looking out on the glorious Bushland that John Howard and Tony Abbott helped to save via the creation of the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, I also bear in mind my role as Co-ordinator of the Clifton Gardens Community Fire Unit.

For this bushland has not burnt since 1982, and the years of La Nina have built up a fine head of undergrowth that's just raring to explode. My local urban Fire Station has little experience of bush fires. And the temperatures today are rising into the 30s.

It is so clear to me in my 30 years residence in Mosman that temperatures generally are rising, and only a fool does not make a link between world-wide man-made industrial and mining activity and this rise. This is accepted in conservative countries like the UK and China, it's quite ludicrous to see the Australian Parliament still debating the issue.

As Nike once said, "Just Do It"!

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