

To the Senate,

My cousin lost his home in King Lake during the Black Saturday Bushfires, and my brother lost one of his best mates whom had unfortunately perished in the same fires. A lot of my family and friends live in the country or near bushland throughout Australia that have been under threat to many bushfires over the years, and I become very apprehensive every bushfire season in Australia.

I strongly believe that our climate is getting hotter and extreme weather events are occurring more often due to climate change that is slowly, yet increasingly killing our planet. Hence, the heat waves, increasing bushfires, stronger winds/storms, cyclones and tsunamis.

We desperately need more resources for emergency services to prevent and respond to these extreme weather events, to help protect our homes, property, animals, environment and of course our lives.

The impact of climate change is more evident than ever before, so please act on this issue with your utmost sincerity and commitment to helping protect our precious planet from climate change due to global warming that we, as humans, have helped to create by polluting our air, waterways, logging of bushland, allowing continuing production of fossil fuel, keeping the coal fired power plants open and accepting dangerous nuclear power as a way to produce power in the future.

Clean energy is the better way of the future, using the power of wind farms, solar panels, more recycling ideas, protecting our waterways from pollution and bad waste, protecting our oceans, educating generations about how to do their bit to help look after our environment, now and into the future. Not to mention the basics of planting more trees for fresher, cleaner air for us to breathe.

It's not rocket science, just common sense and a little love and care for our environment. That's all I ask.

You know this is the right way to go, to stop our planet from being completely destroyed by climate change.

I trust that you will take this into serious consideration when making any future plans to assist the emergency and environmental services, putting our delicate environment first. If not for yourself or this generation, then at least for generations to come, to enjoy.

With hope for the future, thank you.

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