

**To the Secretary,
The Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry: The Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) Bill 2020 and Climate Change (National Framework for Adaptation and Mitigation) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Bill 2020**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this Inquiry. I wish to solidly support this long overdue initiative.

I have been a climate activist for over 2 decades trying to warn the Australian population of the ever increasing risk of catastrophic weather events driven by our habit of pumping greenhouse gases into the air. However this noble endeavor was no defence against the raging Black summer bushfires on the NSW South coast which decimated so many ecosystems and consumed so many homes including my own.(see photos on page 2)

These bills are our best shot in a long time to enable us to catch up to the rest of the developed world in addressing the causes of climate change. It is to the eternal shame of vested interests which have held so much sway over the regressive policy directions of the major parties in Australia through unbridled political donations, revolving doors and a blatantly denialist Murdoch media domination.

To put it bluntly, the short term political cycle needs to be de-coupled from long term science-based strategies designed to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires and other such events. This would neutralise the toxic debate in this country about climate change and promote leadership at all levels of government towards the urgent reduction of carbon pollution. This task necessitates a justly handled transition away from the mining, burning and export of coal.

I wholeheartedly commend these bills and urge the committee to expedite its report so we can watch their passage through Federal parliament without delay.

Sincerely
Nick Hopkins





Here are the before and after drone shots of my beautiful home just inland from Malua Bay (Yuin country)