

Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communications
Legislation Committee
Answers to questions on notice
Environment portfolio

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Outcome: Agency
Programme: Sydney Harbour Federation Trust (SHFT)
Topic: RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE FACILITY - BUSHFIRE EVENT
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Question Type: Written

Senator Rhiannon asked:

Considering insurance companies are now suing NSW firefighters for failing to stop NSW fires entering the ACT, what consideration has the Trust given to a situation where it is held responsible for a bushfire or for failing to properly deal with a such an event before it enters the leasehold of the residential aged care facility?

Answer:

The proposal is currently being considered by the Department of the Environment and the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* and the *Sydney Harbour Federation Trust Act 2001* respectively. All requirements under these Acts will be met. Any aged care provider is also required to meet a range of other statutory obligations, including in relation to safety.