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See below for our submission to the review.

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*As Franklin residents, whose daily life was significantly impacted by the recent Huon Valley bushfires, we are writing to express our dissatisfaction at the initial firefighting response.*

*Global warming is widely accepted to have increased the frequency of fires in remote areas caused by lightning strikes, and yet the authorities were unprepared and under resourced to fight these fires in the early stages.*

*This would, of course, have greatly reduced the ultimate cost of fighting the large fire that resulted.*

*It would appear that Tasmania was caught very unprepared for what was a highly probable scenario and it is extremely important that this cannot occur again. A very poor performance by the Tasmanian State Government.*

Barbara Dawson