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Subject: Submission 2018-2019 fire season review

Dear Sir/Madam,

With the climate emergency well underway, we are facing increasing risk from bushfires due to drier and hotter conditions together with increasing lightning strikes into dry forest.

The cost of these events which will increase in frequency and scale, are enormous with recent reports that some areas of Australia will become uninsurable due to climate change related weather disasters. The local economy was heavily affected particularly for those businesses here in the Huon Valley. This is an ongoing risk for businesses and workers.

The loss of huge areas of wilderness and the animals that inhabit them will have long lasting impacts on our biodiversity and resilience of endangered species, not to mention the additional emissions due to the fires.

We need a national and statewide plan to address the climate change that will inevitably continue to affect us.

There needs to be far more funding for research into how this will unfold and ways to adapt and mitigate.

We also urgently need funding for more firefighting capabilities, including paid firefighters, equipment, monitoring of fires, forecasting, community preparedness, education, utilizing indigenous knowledge and compensation for volunteer fire fighters.

Bush fire will be one of the main risks Tasmanians will face in the coming years. We got off lightly this time. It will only get worse as the climate disruption escalates.

This is an opportunity to set us up for the best chance at defending our communities from the hotter, drier world we are heading into.

Please act as if our lives depend on it, because they do.

Cheers
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