

# Bushfire and ageing in urban interface communities

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I don't attend that many social functions. My friends...in the RSL have passed on. So I don't keep in very close contact

Ku-ring-gai resident, North Shore Sydney

I would expect good communication and direction of where we should go and what we should do, where we should assemble

Kingborough resident, SE Tasmania

## Issues facing the elderly

- Lack risk awareness, often ignore bushfire messaging
- Reliance on agencies
- Chronic illness prevents physical preparation activities
- Pensioners unable to afford household adaptations or cost of moving
- Poor literacy among non-English speaking background
- Isolation through changes in neighbours/friends

## What support is needed?

- Rebuild their social networks
- Financial assistance for permanent relocation
- Provide individual advice

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