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- Ecological devastation of Victorian bushfires – Parks Victoria – species under threat – DELWP – it would take more than 100 years for wet and damp forests to recover – not enough time for burnt areas to recover between fires – logging must not be introduced

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- Letter to Prime Minister, Scott Morrison – call for climate action
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- Shane Warne – baggy green cap sells for over \$1m – for bushfire relief
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 – Wires Wildlife Rescue - Andrew and Nicola Forrest, donation – other donations

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About 130 million hectares of native forest in Australia - this summer's fires have burnt about 6 million hectares - climate change making catastrophic bushfires occur more frequently - management of fuel loads in national parks often blamed; reasoning: fires need fuel therefore undertake bigger and more frequent reduction burns - Scott Morrison - CSIRO Bushfire Behaviour and Risks - controlled burning better for plants and animals - controlled burns are probable not effective in preventing catastrophic fires; but are effective in protecting specific assets such as houses, water catchments and rainforests - evidence from Black Saturday - safe controlled burns are limited - CFA chief, Steve Warrington - NSW Rural Fire Service Commissioner, Shane Fitzsimmons - Black Saturday royal commission, 2009 - controlled burns on any scale cannot prevent dangerous fires - weather the biggest risk factor - climate change increasing the likelihood of extreme bushfires - Bureau of Meteorology - arson - 'To eliminate fire risks, forest would have to be concreted.'

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Personal account - Mallacoota - Paynesville - evacuation by navy

[AN1.14.17] Simone Fox Koob, 'The journey from hell to high water', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 12.

Mallacoota - evacuation - dry lightning - Cann River - Red Cross - ADF - army - navy - HMAS Choules - helicopters

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Billions of animals may have been killed in the fires

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Celebrities get too much praise for their extravagant donations - Bushfire Relief Fund - those with little money who donate deserve to be praised more

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Rubbish on side of roads needs to be cleaned up - reduces risk of bushfires

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Oblique reference to the need to take action on climate change

[AN1.14.22] Gordon Moss, Brookfield, Letters, 'Very selective donations', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Climate change

[AN1.14.23] Irene Bosma, Newlands Arm, Letters, 'Suffering in silence', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Compassion for those affected by the bushfires, including the receiving of government money – wildlife – little compassion for the homeless, unemployed, over 60s, those in detention – will bushfire victims be labelled 'dole bludgers' in the future?

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Scott Morrison being criticised unfairly

[AN1.14.25] Dr Roan Plotz, lecturer environmental science, Victoria University, Letters, 'Focus on big picture', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Vast tracts of land drying out – ignition: people, lightning

Importance of weather: fires will take hold more easily – be more intense – for longer – over greater distances

This will create unprecedented fire seasons that backburning cannot stop – they will become more severe as climate continues to change

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Daniel Andrews – money should be diverted from North East Link to the recovery of those affected by fire and drought

[AN1.14.27] Penny Hawe, Lorne, Letters, 'The value of science', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Governments ignore evidence informed science in some areas, including weather and disasters

[AN1.14.28] Graeme Lee, Fitzroy, Letters, 'Chip in and help guys', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Royals: Harry and Meghan

[AN1.14.29] David Healy, Surrey Hills, Letters, 'More praise for Aunty', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 33.

Praise for ABC during this time of crisis

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- [AN1.14.32] Malcolm Knox, 'Stars giving to bushfire relief the best of sporting endeavour', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 42.
- Cricketers – donations to bushfire relief – Shane Warne: baggy green cap auctioned for about \$1m – Nick Kyrgios – soccer – NRL – AFL – NBA
- [AN1.14.33] Jessica Irvine, Business, 'Caution required when gauging economic impact of bushfires', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, p. 3.
- Natural disasters – economic impact of fires difficult to assess
- [AN1.14.34] Anthony Forsyth, Career, 'Give fire heroes and victims a break', *The Age*, Saturday, January 11, 2020, p. 9.
- Bushfire crisis – service of volunteers – not recognised in workplace
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- Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund is asking for donations
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- Scott Morrison – climate change – former emergency chiefs letter: links current fire to climate change – longer bushfire danger periods – fires burning in rainforests – rising greenhouse gas pollution from burning coal, oil and gas is worsening extreme weather – Morrison's trip to Hawaii – blame shifting to states – poor interactions with fire affected people – lack of action on climate change
- [AN1.15.1] Paul Sakkal, '"Forgotten" town fire relief plea', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, pp. 1&4.
- East Gippsland – road closures – Noorinbee residents trapped without food and fuel – fines – Orbost – Mallacoota – Cann River – Andrew Crisp
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- Australia Day fireworks in Melbourne scrapped – Parks Victoria – bushfire crisis – state of disaster – stock losses in Victoria so far, 4900
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- Scott Morrison – climate change action - \$2b bushfire recovery fund – technology – research
- [AN1.15.4] Mikayla van Loon, 'Seed bank lifeline for species', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 6.
- Plant species under threat – Victorian bushfires – climate change – scientists – seed bank – Black Saturday, 2009

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- Mallacoota – Fed Cafe in Albert Park – Croajingolong Cafe in Mallacoota – fundraising initiatives – Mallacoota Golf Club
- [AN1.15.6] Paul Sakkal, Simone Fox Koob & Rachel Eddie, 'Locals forced to flee homes for third time', *The Age*, January 18, 2020, p. 8.
- Evacuation order – Myrtleford – Mallacoota – Genoa – Gypsy Point – Bureau of Meteorology – 1.5m hectares burnt so far
- [AN1.15.7] David Estcourt & Farrah Tomazin, 'Felled forests risk fuelling fire', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 8.
- Logging – catastrophic fires – native animals – Vic Forests – total fire ban – fire risks – bushfire crisis
- [AN1.15.8] Simone Fox Koob & Peter Ryan, 'Relief from smoke haze short-lived', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 12.
- Melbourne – smoke haze – EPA – bushfires – Gippsland – Bureau of Meteorology – Australian Open – Melbourne has worst air quality in the world
- [AN1.15.9] Advertisement, State Government of Victoria, 'Urban grassfires can spread at 27km/h', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 14.
- Urban grass fires travel quickly – advice – don't drive – VicEmergency app
- [AN1.15.10] Mike Foley, 'Call to set global example on climate', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 16.
- Climate change – Ross Garnaut – Australia could lead – summer's catastrophic bushfires
- [AN1.15.11] Derek Fern, Box Hill, Letters, 'Mere mortals can't stop it', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 33.
- Humans cannot stop climate change – it has always occurred – coexistence with Mother Nature – we do have control over inhabiting hazardous locations – we do so without consideration or preparation for consequences
- [AN1.15.12] Alan Inchley, Frankston, Letters, 'It will bite us', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 33.
- Bushfire emissions not included in emissions target – targets therefore meaningless – Scott Morrison
- [AN1.15.13] Nick Toovey, Beaumaris, Letters, 'It's a good start', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, p. 33.
- Scott Morrison – climate change – denial a waste of time – bushfire crisis linked to lack of action on climate change
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Climate change – move away from coal – big business

[AN1.15.18] Cara Waters & Emma Koehn, Business, 'Green light for climate action plan', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, pp. 4-5.

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[AN1.15.19] Penny Watson, 'Hope and the holiday embers: When visitors head back to fire-torn regions, they all bring more than just money', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, pp. 42-43.

Encouraging tourists to return to bushfire-hit regions

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Devastating bushfires across Victoria and NSW – smoke haze – Scott Morrison – failure to take action on climate change – emissions targets – no dispute: climate change is causing longer, hotter, drier summers

[AN1.16.2] Ross Garnaut, Insight, 'After the smoke clears', *The Age*, Saturday, January 18, 2020, pp. 26&27.

Fires in NSW and Qld – link between modern economic growth and carbon emissions – climate change action necessary – dams in Dubbo and Armidale will dry out more frequently and for longer – smoke haze in the Docklands, Melbourne

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Photos of summer bushfires

- [AN1.17.2] Konrad Marshall, GoodWeekend, 'Out of the flames', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, pp. 6-9.

A decade ago Black Saturday bushfires – Bushfire Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) – CSIRO – unprecedented fires in California, Canada, Alaska, Greece, Brazil – national bushfire crisis

Political issues: arson - climate change

Other issues: hazard burning – ignoring indigenous burning practices – greenies – lack of firefighting planes – lack of firefighters – volunteers v professional firefighters – evacuation - warnings

Predictable cycle: insurance companies – charities/fundraising – inquiries (coronial/royal commissions): adversarial/lawyers – what went wrong – who to blame

Ash Wednesday – American researcher and fire historian, Stephen Pyne – the Pyrocene, *The Age of Fire* – naval evacuation of Mallacoota – wildlife toll – Kangaroo Island – Kevin Tolhurst: prediction tool, PHOENIX RapidFire – prescribed burning can be effective (but where and when?)

- [AN1.17.3] Advertisement, The Store, GoodWeekend, 'Bushfire Relief', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. ?

Photos from the Sydney Morning Herald and The Age – on sale as large format prints – fundraising for bushfire relief

- [AN1.18.1] Sue Williams & Anthony Dennis, Traveller, 'Rising from the ashes', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, pp. 22-23; 26-28.

Ways to help tourism industry recover from the bushfires – millions of dollars raised – victims – Australia's bushfire disaster – native wildlife devastated – economy - key to recovery: tourism - 50 suggestions for where people can go and what they can do

- [AN1.19.1] Anson Cameron, Spectrum, 'Our baptism of fire: Bushfires were different when the world was less combustible', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 3.

Smoke haze – Elvis, S-64 Aircrane Helicopter, 10,000 litres of water – fires are worse now since Black Saturday

- [AN1.20.1] Matthew Knott, Insight, 'We watched the bush burn as a culture war raged...this is how "paradise" is lost', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, pp. 34-35.

Smoke haze from bushfires – climate change will make extreme weather events more frequent – natural disasters – blaming fires on supposed opposition from environmentalists to controlled burnoffs – Shane Fitzsimmons, head of NSW Rural Fire Service – where and when controlled burning should take place is problematic – hazard reduction has been a cultural war between left and right – California – Scott Morrison – climate change action

- [AN1.20.2] Editorial, 'Indigenous history vital to Australia Day', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 36.

Indigenous techniques for controlled burning – lessons for modern Australia to deal with bushfire risk – climate change

- [AN1.20.3] Jennie Epstein, Little River, Letters, 'Respecting our country's land, water and diversity', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 36.

Population growth is a major problem for the environment: habitat and animals, land, agriculture, water supply, timber – global warming will further reduce natural resources – economic requirement for exponential growth clashes with the reality of living on one planet, which is not growing

- [AN1.20.4] Peter Moore, Clifton Hill, Letters, 'It's not so funny when we're the butt of the joke', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 36.

Australia now at the forefront of climate change disaster

- [AN1.20.5] Sarah Tartakover, Yarraville, Letters, 'The high economic cost of climate inaction', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 36.

Government inaction on climate change – argues that there is a negative impact on economy - but, what about the impact of bushfires in terms of economic loss to tourism, business, property, livestock – and those physically and mentally affected – jobs and growth rhetoric outdated – does not paint whole economic picture

- [AN1.20.6] Neil Barker, Romsey, Letters, 'Motivated by profit rather than conservation', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 36.

Removal of trees from large areas of fire-affected forests is prompted by the fuel reduction lobby, timber industry, and motivated by profit

The removal of trees will affect the recovery of living trees and the decay of timber which would assist in forest regeneration, including native animal and bird populations

Wide firebreaks just another way of justifying tree removal to satisfy the wishes of climate change deniers and those motivated by profit – firebreaks must be created, they should be strictly controlled with forests and wildlife conservations as the primary objective

- [AN1.20.7] Michael Langford, Ivanhoe, Letters, 'The charities know best', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 37.

Charities criticised over distribution of money to bushfire victims, including their administration costs – Red Cross, Salvos, Vinnies – these charities know best from years of experience

- [AN1.20.8] Nick O'Malley, 'Fading Nationals turn up heat', *The Age*, Saturday, January 25, 2020, p. 38.

Bushfires – greenies – role of climate change – Scott Morrison's trip to Hawaii – natural disaster – drought

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