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South Turrumurra fires

I was looking out through our playroom window watching my daughter outside playing on our tree swing, when the smoke caught my eye. I tried my absolute best to contain my fear so as to not upset my 3 children. The smoke from the burning trees was intense. I kept thinking I can't believe this happening, I can't believe this is happening so close to our house!! I checked the 'Fires near me ' app in red evacuate!! I saw the sea plane drop the bright pink retardant, again I couldn't believe how close it was, helicopters and fire engines everywhere. I got the 3 kids, the dog and our emergency bags in the car, ok I can breathe, I did it and quickly drove off and then ah no - absolute chaos and stand still on the Fox Valley. Everyone in the Fox Valley pocket was trying to evaluate. But we were stuck waiting to get out. You have absolutely no idea what that feels like do you?! Trying to escape when you feel like your life and your children's life is in danger. I felt absolutely trapped. As you know if you approve the proposed 200 units behind Wahroonga Adventist school you are adding at least 200 additional cars on the road!!!! Please tell me how are we supposed to escape the fires then? For goodness sakes just use your common sense and DO NOT approve the units.

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