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Good evening,

I would like to make a submission to this inquiry please.

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It alarms me how politicised this topic has become, see e.g. "Residents in storm-hit suburbs feel 'neglected' by ACT government":

<https://www.canberratimes.com.au/story/7588392/residents-in-storm-hit-suburbs-feel-neglected-by-act-government/?cs=24204>

I can assure you that many many volunteers spent countless hours on the night and on several subsequent days making trees safe and putting them out of the way onto kerbs etc - these are the key tasks as opposed to things looking pretty. In fact I remember working with several crews at Hawker primary to ensure the fallen trees (several hundred kilos of them) were clear of a single footpath so people could easily walk on said footpath. To say that help was not to be seen maybe one person's experience but is wholly untrue, deceptive at best, and frankly insulting (and much of it was time volunteered!). Indeed there were the constant dulcet tones of chainsaws all through Belconnen the night of the storms (which the complaining "resident" might have heard if he was at or near home).

The reason I used the above phrase is, Alan Tutt (in article) is a political candidate from the last ACT election, running for the Belco Party (largely former Liberals). Thus his and other similarly whining anecdotes might not provide an accurate picture of what occurred. Having other residents complain about bushfire risk regarding large tree trunks seems a bit disingenuous given how much rain there has been in recent months.

Given this, I hope the inquiry can seek a range of balanced views on the topic and make constructive findings, as opposed to merely listening to the whinging and whining of people who have likely never lifted a finger for anyone else in their entire lives.

Thanks for your attention and hopefully publication of this submission name withheld. Hope you have a nice day. And please feel free to call me on [REDACTED] if there is anything to clarify.