

## Submission from ISRP Australasia Section

Australia has been hit with a number of challenging events over the last four months. Following several years of draught, a series of bushfires ravaged the country on the east and west coasts over the months of December and January 2020. These fires caused a lot of physical and environmental damages with more than 24 and half million acres of damage. Australia is now dealing with the covid-19 pandemic as it spreads throughout the globe. These recent events have put extreme pressure on the supply of personal protective equipment including respiratory protective equipment. The demand is far exceeding the supply and as a result, it is impacting greatly on all industry types. This has also had a big impact and placed a lot of stress and anxiety amongst the Health care industry, emergency services , and not least the general public.

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### Who Would Have Thought that Manufacturers/Distributors of Respirators Need to Wear Respirators on Their Job?

