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### **Court challenge against bushfire report adjourned. 13/03/2007. ABC News Online**

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## **Court challenge against bushfire report adjourned**

Legal action over last year's coroner's report into the 2003 bushfires has been adjourned until later this month.

Four senior emergency services officers - Mike Castle, Peter Lucas-Smith, Tony Graham and Rick McCrae - have applied to the Supreme Court to quash adverse comments made against them by coroner Maria Doogan.

They are arguing she showed bias and denied them procedural fairness.

The lawyer representing the men, Philip Walker, says the case has adjourned so other people who were involved in the coroner's inquiry can be notified.

"They don't have to become a party, it's just to be informed that the proceedings are on, and be served with a copy of the process so they know what's happening in the court," he said.

Today the Director of Public Prosecutions and the New South Wales Government also joined the action to argue against the four men's application.

The case will be back before the court on March 23.

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