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The Hon. John Pandazopoulos MP  
 Chair  
 Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
 Suite 5/50 Robinson Street  
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Dear Sir,

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the impact of public land management practices on Bushfires in Victoria.

VICSBS wishes to comment on items 6 and 9, referred to in the terms of reference.

- (6) Strategically placed fire breaks and containment lines have a role to play in supporting the management and control of fire, however VICSBS Units often are called to search for recreational drivers who become lost on public land. The maintenance of strategic fire breaks and containment lines will provide increased opportunities to assist VICSBS during search operations as this will provide another source of access in the event that existing routes are unavailable.
- (9) Provision and maintenance of serviceable access tracks and signage to assist with recreational and emergency requirements.

As previously stated in our response to question 6, VICSBS is very supportive of any measures to improve controlled access to public lands for recreational purposes.

Such measures can only lead to improved safety for members of the general public and have the potential to reduce search times when people become lost.

Yours faithfully

Mary Barry  
 Chief Executive Officer  
 Victoria State Emergency Service