

SUBMISSION

Buchan/ Wulgulmerang

NO. 24d

Apology from Buchan/ Wulgulmerang area.

We appreciate your visit and desperately hope there will be practical outcomes.

Comments from the area:

****Over our vast mountain area to our north and north west , there is still no information on any preparedness and management having taken place . In our district , there is no visual evidence of fire management - along roads and adjoining farmland and townships.**

****We have been informed of a fire break from Flukes road to Ensay-BUT without burn backs, what DSE call a fire break is just not practical. In this mega fire climate , fire balls sweep over vast areas , swiftly igniting miles ahead of the fire front.**

****There has to be a mosaic pattern of fire managed parks and public land , this would lessen the damage and destruction that is now happening each summer.**

****In the recent fires at Buchan- caused by lightening strikes on New Years Day- there was no information from DSE on the fire and its management-- to the people close to the fire, several adjoining farms were very close, this was a worrying time.**

***** INFORMATION FROM DSE IS NOT GOOD or not happening!**

****We are still not prepared for the increasingly savage summers – are our submissions being ignored?**

****We desperately need a change of policy that is practical and involves the residents who are most affected.**

****More preparation is vital.**

We cannot change global warming , but we can make changes to the fuel loads.

In Gippsland the fuel loads are increasing each year- the only management seems to be an out of control bushfire !

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