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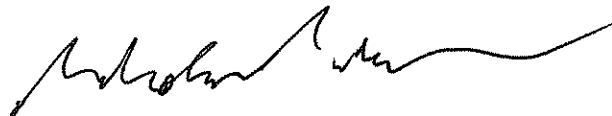
Dear Sir

SUBMISSION TO THE ENQUIRY INTO THE
IMPACT OF PUBLIC LAND MANAGEMENT
PRACTICES ON BUSHFIRES IN VICTORIA

We submit that the practice of planting volatile native vegetation in public areas such as parks, waterways, town approaches etc. is providing access for bushfires right into the centres of towns. Frequently the philosophy behind such plantings also precludes the regular maintenance and clean up of these areas.

This practice is endangering public facilities, private homes, and greatly reduces the sanctuary value of cleared town areas.

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