

## SUBMISSION

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ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE

NO. 056

INQUIRY INTO THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON  
BUSHFIRES IN VICTORIA.

I WOULD APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE  
COMMITTEE INQUIRING INTO ASPECTS OF THE RECENT BUSHFIRES  
IN VICTORIA.

I HAVE A PARTICULAR INTEREST IN THE FIRE THAT OCCURED AT  
TAMBO CROSSING.  
I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON SEVERAL ISSUES.

1. THE LENGTH OF TIME TAKEN FOR THE FIRE TO REACH TAMBO  
CROSSING.
2. THAT THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES INVESTIGATE FIRE AND WEATHER  
BEHAVIOUR RELATING TO BUSHFIRES IN THE CORRIDOR FROM BRIAGOLONG  
TO OMEO.
3. THE RETENTION OF MAJOR FIRE BREAKS, PLUS THE CREATION  
OF MORE STRATEGIC BREAKS AND ROADS.
4. THE POLICY ON ROAD CLOSURES NEEDS TO BE OVERHAULED.
5. ALL FREEHOLD ADJOINING BUSH TO BE MAPPED, INCLUDING  
A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT OF THE CONDITION OF FENCES.
6. THE OVERALL POLICY ON PRESCRIBED BURNING TO BE REVIEWED.

GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY I WOULD SEEK TO JUSTIFY AND ELABORATE  
ON THE LISTED POINTS.

YOURS SINCERELY,



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