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Dear Committee

I would recommend a visit to a fuel reduction burn as is claimed to be a success to see why fuel reduction burns burn in the summer. First not hot enough day no wind and after 3 days which happen to have 2 days weekend a very poor burn. The helicopter was here 3 days fine lighting at what cost. It had to keep going back to Haskin for fuel. This is typical of any thing done by the Govt just a big show of color and no results. Burn the forest in the Spring. There needs to be a termination of Parks say into fuel load burns and also the other groups the people with no say seems to be adjoining Land holders who are the only ones to lose property from a fire from a National Park.

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Fire breaks beside private property and National Parks need a vegetation free area of 50mks
 I made a request to DSE to slash the grass in the Breyons Swamp so if a fire got in there we would not lose our hayshed.
 It wasn't done and only luck the wind did not push a fire around the North side did we survive.

I can't extract my request for slashing the Breyons Swamp as the computer is being repaired.

The closure of logs in the Grayfins Park goes against the the environmental talk at present the stringy bark timber had strength of F17 standard but it seems better under Parks so called managers to let the timber rot / be eaten by ants or just burn it.

We have no hardwood mill for miles around and no timber to repair buildings or livestock yards.

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Item 11

Listen to the local people who are likely to be burnt out by a fire not the people who are nowhere near it or the green groups. By listening to the green groups and so called management I think we can see the result of this. Also American Pine Forest management and also US Park views have no place in Australia.

⑬ Fires need to be attacked at daybreak not normal business hours of a govt dept. The Mt Lubra fire is a good example of the typical level of incompetence one seems to expect from the govt. The dissolving of National Parks and ideology would go well to protecting the forest and the species that live in them, the inferno of fires we have seen would not have happened under Forest Commission in modern times.

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I am at a loss as to why so much tax payer money ~~is~~ was given to Grampians Park a few road signs and pine barriers were burnt

No money beside the usual fictional money came to us for our property being damaged by the MT Lulwa fire

There is no help at all from any Govt Dept to repair any of the property burnt

I would have to say a major rethink of early response to put out fires needs it seems better management as the people who say don't seem very switched on.

A ~~small~~ fire only ever starts small and any thing that flies could suppress or stop a fire.

There doesn't seem to be any shortage of money just the people with enough common sense to take charge or be in charge to make the right decision and get the job done. Urban based people and decisions should stay in Urban areas.

Tom Napier