

SUBMISSION

NO. 102B

Executive Officer
Environment & Natural Resources Committee
Parliament House
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

September 11, 2007

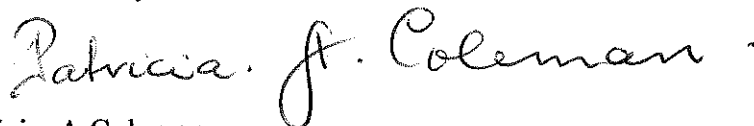
Additional submission – Bushfires, Gippsland Floods impact on June/July 2007.

During the fires – millions of hectares of trees had their canopies, that is branches, leaves, boles incinerated. Outcome – a blackened moonscape. Floods are good, their role is to fill rivers, dams, lagoons, billabongs and saturate the earth with water and silt.

However: - When torrential rain occurs, and millions of hectares of forest has no canopy to naturally break the fall of the rain – let alone groundcover flora playing its soaking role – an imbalance occurs with run off.

Parks Victoria, DSE and the Green vote – have desecrated 2/3's of Victorian forest in the past four years. Had they let lightning strikes play their role – because rain naturally follows strikes, instead of water bombing the first puff of smoke, and systematically burnt the build up yearly - THESE FIRES WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN THE RESULT THAT CAUSED FLOOD DEVASTATION, TO NATURAL WATER COURSES AND PERSONAL SUFFERING TO LAND HOLDERS AND INTEREST GROUPS AJOINING THE MACALISTER RIVER.

Yours faithfully



Patricia A Coleman

17 SEP 2007

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMITTEE