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To whom it may concern,

The burning is far too hot, areas chosen are far too big and not enough time between burns for regeneration of plant species. They burn when weather conditions are not favourable: too hot, too windy or at a time of thriving tourism putting the tourists off. Forests to be burnt are never checked before hand in terms of reports of the species left of our flora and fauna, nor are they checked after their burns.

Too often they get out of control onto other private properties. The costs involved to put those fires out are colossal, unnecessary expenses that we people pay out of our taxes.

The method of their burning which does not follow the code of practice omits to consider ways for the animals and all other living creatures to escape they are trapped and incinerated in the area to be burnt, as for the very rare ones who may have escaped are left with no habitat.

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Not considering the conditions us people live today surrounded by thick smoke for more than six months per year. What about the elderly, the babies children and adults who suffer from allergies, asthma and lung problems?

Why not taking into account the massive areas already burnt by bushfires and minimize the amount and intensity of burning off which does not prevent bushfires quite the opposite because what comes after are just tall thin tight stringybark growing, denuded from natural biodiversity, therefore more prone to bushfires than before. Since those methods of burning have been used bushfires have accelerated at an alarming rate, going through already burnt areas. So the same methods are used at much more frequent intervals. Why is it that the more we burn off the more bushfires we live in?

Our waterways our creeks are also being affected by constant logging and burning creating erosion, the silt turning off into our creeks and rivers are also being compromised. 95% of our forests have been destroyed by constant logging and burning. Old growth forests exist only in small pockets. Our biodiversity is disappearing so essential to the balance of our ecology system.

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Everything that surrounds us is at great stake here. Habitats, flora and fauna disappearing in front of our eyes, forests, biodiversity being destroyed, shortage of water rising with more threats of fires due to the imbalance of our ecosystem we are all experiencing by the global warming.

Yours Sincerely

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