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Mr Ryan Batchelor MP  
Chair  
Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee  
Parliament House, Spring Street  
EAST MELBOURNE VIC 3002

Dear Mr Batchelor

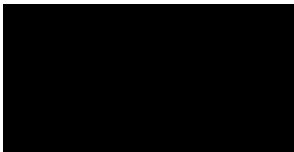
**Inquiry into the 2026 summer fires across Victoria – IGEM submission**

I am pleased to provide my submission to the Legislative Council Environment and Planning Committee Inquiry into the 2026 summer fires across Victoria.

As Victoria’s independent Inspector-General for Emergency Management, I have developed a submission which sets out the work of my office in monitoring the implementation of recommendations and improvement actions from previous fire season-related reviews and inquiries. This work supports the Committee in the consideration of matters directly related to Terms of Reference 11 of the Inquiry. It focuses on the monitoring and reporting of progress on the implementation of actions and recommendations from the two most contemporary fire season-related IGEM reports, the *Review of 10 years of reform in Victoria’s emergency management sector*<sup>1</sup> and the *Inquiry into the 2019-20 Victorian fire season Phase 1 and Phase 2*.

If you have any questions in relation to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



**Dr Emily Phillips**

Inspector-General for Emergency Management