

## Air pollution Inquiry/span>

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**Organisation Name:**  
**Your position or role:**

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**Submission:**

The impacts of current deliberately lit fires by the Department of Forest Fire Management Victoria is having a severe personal effect on my mental and personal state of health. While I do not believe the department's management are taking a whole of ecology into consideration when making decisions to Fuel Reduce many sections currently they certainly do not appear to consider the affects of dense smoke on a considerable number of the populations who live within these areas.

A further neglected area of the decision makers is the timing of these burns many of which occur over holiday periods which has a detrimental effect on the tourist industries financial economy.

There is now a growing concern within the clear thinking population that these fuel reduction fires are not ecologically sustainable and do not have the desired affect of preventing or even slowing the movement of wildfires.

It is clear that a great proportion of these so called fuel reduction fires are fast becoming driven as a staffing bonanza to all who participate and not aimed at ecological benefit.

I therefore deplore and seriously ask that these burns be subjected to a Royal Commission to see where the future of them is studied.

**Signature:**

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