

SUBMISSION TO BUSHFIRE ENQUIRY HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The local COUNCIL & STATE ENVIRONMENTAL/PLANNING laws & regulations have created restrictions for clearing & off season burning ,on PUBLIC/PRIVATE/PARK lands.

This has contributed to excessive build up of fire FUEL LOADS,that then leads to wildfires that run before hot summer winds ,causing great damage.

An example of this was the extensive UNCONTROLLABLE SNOWY MOUNTAIN PARKS FIRES.Impossible to stop .-massive fuel loads,few fire breaks or access trails—ALL NEGATIVE !!

When it came out –STROMLO LOST & ON INTO CANBERRA SUBURBS !!

RECENT MAJOR FIRES in the BEGA / TATHRA area ,raced before hot winds—burning & JUMPING & SPOTTING AHEAD , in a few hours ,right to the coast! CONFUSION, MANNY HOMES LOST+ BEACHFRONT CARAVAN PARK ,services lost ,major losses.

Private, public, &sanctuary [ forested lands ] -with high fire fuel loads---allowed the fire with, strong, hot NW WINDS--- to spot ahead ,reigniting waiting ground fuel = numerous outbreaks to deal with.

SUGGESTION 1 REDUCTION of fuel loads on ; ALL P P P LANDS [Private-Public-Parklands ]

2 REVIEW all laws/ regulations -that manage/control or effectively restrict the level of fuel loads or off season burning ----- with the aim to create a new ,practical system of on site fuel load awareness and need for action & funding.

3 Review fire trails ,especially UPWIND of fire prone RISK ZONES eg towns/ parks/infrastructure etc—aim to provide better& safer access for action teams to reach & deal early with outbreaks.

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