

BUSHFIRE IMPACT ON

FOOD PRODUCTION DEAR SIRS OR MADAMS 16/6/2009.

I WISH TO SUBMIT THIS TO YOUR WELCOME REVIEW ON THE IMPACT OF BUSHFIRES.

THREE FACTORS MAKE A FIRE: FUEL HEAT AND OXYGEN.

THE ONLY FACTOR THAT HUMANS CAN CONTROL TO STOP A FIRE HAPPENING, OR INITIATE A FIRE BEFORE IT STARTS IS FUEL LEVELS.

I WAS A MEMBER OF THE FLYNN RURAL FIRE BRIGADE, AND FOR 10 YEARS, WE BURNT OFF THE PRINCES HIGHWAY, BETWEEN FLYNN'S CREEK AND THE STREET LECKY MEMORIAL, NEAR TRARALGON. THIS WAS DONE DURING WINTER, DURING EVERY PERIOD OF LOW INTENSITY.

WE DID NOT HAVE ONE FIRE START UNTIL WE STOPPED THIS POLICY, OVER TEN YEARS.

AS ONE WHO EXPERIENCED THE BUSHFIRES OF 1939 1944 AND PSA WEDNESDAY OF 1983, I HAVE NOTED THAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF EVERY INQUIRY (BURNING OFF) HAVE NEVER BEEN CARRIED OUT IN FULL, EVEN 2008-2009 A TOTAL OF ONLY A FRACTION WAS DONE.

THIS IS THE DAMNATION OF EVERY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS POSITION.

IN THE RECENT CALIGWEE-KORNALLA TRAGEDY, LINDSAY PUMP DISCLOSED THAT EVERY YEAR HE BURNT OFF MERVES RD, BUT THIS YEAR 2008-THE DEPT. OF SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT USED 3 FIRE TRUCKS TO

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PUT OUT WHAT HE LIKES!

THE SO CALLED GREEN LOBBY EVERYWHERE, MUST BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR THEIR IRRESPONSIBLE AGENDA.

THEY HAVE BEEN CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR ABSENCE FROM SCRUTINY SINCE 7/2/2009.

THE DELAYING TACTICS BY THE GREEN LOBBIES, CALLING FOR MORE RESEARCH AND INQUIRIES HAS TO STOP.

THE SCIENCE OF FIGHTING BUSHFIRES IS KNOWN, AND THE SAD TESTIMONY IS THAT 173 PEOPLE IN VICTORIA, PERISHED BECAUSE OF SOME CAUSE. THAT MUST BE FOUND AND ACTED UPON, WHICH MUST INCLUDE HIRING AND FIRING FOR THOSE WHO FAIL TO DO THEIR JOB.

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,
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