

To whom it may concern,

I submit the following re recent bush fires in QLD. I was not personally affected but QLD suffers because of present council and state decisions, which affects every person.

Once it was policy to burn off during the winter months. This is safe practice as few native creatures die, compared with the massive loss of life during a wild fire. It was also common practice to doze a

fire break around the edges of properties. Burning back was also used to protect homes in danger.

Now Livingstone shire plus many others will fine people who do any of these practices. Few if any permits to burn are allowed.

We saw the results, devastating fires in many parts of QLD. I would like to see an enquiry into the causes of these fires. At least 18 fires started in national parks, at a time when there were no storms

-no lightning, no obvious cause. I believe that "greenies" wishing to prove global warming is a fact, lit these fires to cause the general public to be greatly frightened and accept global warming.

Why did all these fires start at about the same time?

I submit that shires and state government should rethink their "greenie" policies and use common sense. Burning off during winter, dozing a fire break and burning back should all be encouraged.

Thank you, I remain, Yours sincerely, Helen Wyland.