

Re:

- the resources needed by emergency services to prevent and respond to extreme weather events

In particular, the rationale of WILD FIRE RESPONSE.

I ask the Committee to consider this simple logic:-

- all fires start as small fires
- small fires can be doused/smothered; large fires cannot
- therefore 1) essential to spot small fires

IS SATELLITE SURVEILLANCE IN USE BY FIRE AUTHORITIES?

2) essential to respond quickly, i.e. douse fires before

flash-over

AERIAL WATER-BOMBING IS THE ONLY FEASIBLE RESPONSE:

DO ALL FIRE AUTHORITIES HAVE IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO

THIS?

- ground-based appliances are of little use for this purpose (access and/or time limits) and are completely inadequate once a fire has developed

DIVERT PRIORITY FUNDING TO AERIAL RESOURCES AND

PERSONNEL

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