

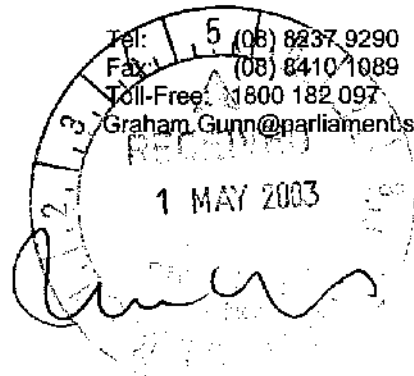
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Committee Secretary
Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir

As a Member of the South Australian Parliament representing a large rural electorate with many National and Conservation Parks, as well as large amounts of native vegetation, I am most concerned that current management practices and the law relating to proper fire hazard reduction, and the construction and maintenance of access tracks needs a considerable overhaul. The failure to allow landholders to burn off and graze certain areas of land is creating a most dangerous situation as there is a build up of combustible material.

I would appreciate the opportunity to appear in person to give evidence to your committee as I am still a practical farmer and in the past have been involved in controlled burn-offs as part of responsible land management practices. This is now not permitted.

I have also been a Member of the State Parliament for 33 years and have seen these changes brought in by well meaning but misguided people.

I look forward to sharing my experiences with the committee.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Graham Gunn'.

Hon Graham Gunn MP
MEMBER FOR STUART