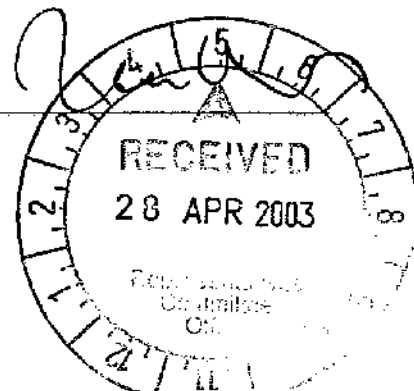


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From: Fielder, Sarah (REPS) on behalf of Committee (REPS)
Sent: Monday, 28 April 2003 8:44 AM
To: Committee, Bushfires (REPS)
Subject: FW: Submission.Re Bushfires



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Sarah

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From: Eileen Buckland [mailto:ebuckland@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, 28 April 2003 9:01 AM
To: Committee (REPS)
Subject: Submission.Re Bushfires

Submission No.45

Eileen Buckland

Re Recent Bushfires,

Dear Committee,

I wish to Submit a Submission to your Inquiry in to the Recent Bushfires.

My Property is 5 KIMS North of Mallacoota, Bordering the West and North of the Croajingolong National Park.

In 1983, A Piece of Bark flew over our Property and Ignited the Park across the "Narrows" and Burnt for three days towards the Howe Range.a Wind change bought it back onto itself, thus saving the Township of Mallacoota,

Over these Twenty years I have written on a Regular Basis to all Government Departments, Ministers, Old Orbost Shire now East Gippsland Shire, to Cool Control Burn to Prevent the Destruction of our Parks Flora and Fauna Plus Private Property.

But to date there has been no Preventative Burns Bordering our Property,Small Burns have taken Place South and West of the Township,

Numerous Meetings over the Years I have been to, with the Relevant Parks Officers all with the same excuse, Not the Right Time, No Money, Other Areas more important.

We have 20 Acre's of land, Grazing Cattle,Each year in the Autumn we Rake and Burn the Bush Areas next to the Park, Have had the Local Fire Brigade in to help us at times,towards Summer we keep the cattle in the Paddocks down from the house to keep the grass short,then we Slash.Around the House we continually Mow, Have no Trees Close to the House

Do everything in our Power to try to Prevent the Inevitable.

This year we were on very High Alert for over Three months, not leaving the Property, Just Waiting, We were Promised a Fire Break This year, to date nothing has happened. We Personally Raked Both sides of the Fence in the Park and our Property,to help save us.

There seems to be an Abundance of Money for New Buildings, Uniforms, Vehicles and Name Changes,but nothing for Constructive Works,

I do a Lot of Bushwalking here and Overseas,and can Honestly say Victorias National Parks are a national Disgrace,if they cannot Maintain our Parks they should not be allowed to be given more, just to lock up and forget about,

We have much wildlife on our Property feeding, as they are unable to get there food in there own Natural Environment.

Cool Controlled Burns enables fresh grasses and wildflowers to grow naturally,

If you can do something to Help make these Relevant Departments look after our Natural Environment I would be very Appreciative.

Thanking you for your Time,

Eileen Buckland