



Submission for bush fire enquiries,
The clerk assistant (committee)
House of representatives,
Parliament House,
CANBERRA.....2600

Dear Sir,

Enclosed please find submission for Bush fire enquiries.

Yours faithfully,

W. I. Crain...

Mr. W. I. CRAIN.

To whom it may concern:

With regard to the January fires of 2003 in K.N.P. - Prior to the cessation of grazing during the summer months and fire prevention work carried out by the Hume Snowy Bush fire prevention scheme, the park was an area to be proud of.

The snow leasees and H.S.B.P.S. were a wonderful combination of two bodies of people who by their efforts and wisdom practiced a very practical means of fire prevention in the mountains. Their expertise was so thorough that nothing was left to be desired. Hazard reduction burning was carried out by the snow leasees and there were more than 300 of them as well as the H.S.B.F.P.S. Their combined skills, common sense and practical experience meant that when grazing ceased in 1969, the N.P.& W.L.S. took over an area that was alive and well. They took over a very well cared for park.

From 1969 onwards, I have watched the area deteriorate at a very fast rate. Wild dogs, noxious weeds and the huge build up of fuel at an alarming rate over the 30 years since the closure of the park resulting in 2/3 of the park being devastated by fire.

The point was clearly demonstrated that past fire reduction practices were far superior to that practiced by the National Parks. It is now the beginning of May 2003, and I have not noticed any hazard reduction burning being carried out in the park, considering there is still 1/3 of the park in a very dangerous fire situation - now is the time to burn.

I am a person of 67 years of age - as a youngster I worked with my father and other leasees with sheep and cattle on their snow leases. When I look at the land in question before and after 1969, I feel a deep sense of loss for myself and for future generations.

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