

24th April, 2003

The Chairman,  
Select Committee on Bushfires,  
Parliament House,  
Canberra, A.C.T. 2600

**Submission No.83**

Dear Sir,

Bushfire Control

May I refer to an article in the Blue Mountains Gazette, Wednesday 23rd April 2003 Page 22 in which our Federal Member, Mr. Kerry Bartlett writes:-

'During the course of the Inquiry I will be keen to present the views of our local firefighters and residents, to ensure they are incorporated into the Committee's findings.'

As a local resident may I quote from a letter I wrote to The Blue Mountains City Council on 3rd April 2003:-

"Instead of encouraging bushfires which take lives and destroy homes on a massive scale and destroy our beautiful World Heritage, I would like to control any fire hazard in my own backyard perhaps once a month. With a hose on hand I would be perfectly happy to have a controlled incinerator, barbecue or bonfire to bring back the family spirit."

Sincerely,

*Barbara Powe*

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