

Submission No.322

Committee Secretary
Select Committee on Australian Bushfires
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Sirs

I practice what I preach in that our family nine acre holiday house site is kept free of scrub and long grass for two acres around the house.

The location is close to Eddon National Park where until recently yearly burn off occurred in different areas reducing the risk to manageable proportions.

The result being that no major fire has occurred for over 80 years. Small fires have occurred but were controlled before they became big. Access tracks are kept fairly clear enabling fire trucks to get to the fire quickly.

If this practice was universal throughout Australia major fires would not occur.

Yours faithfully
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