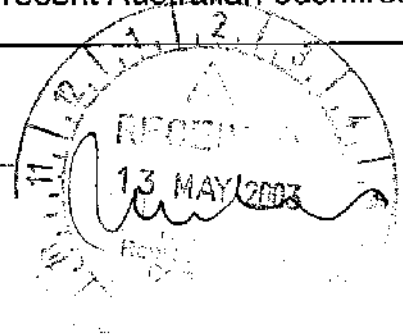


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Committee Secretary
House Select Committee on the recent Australian bushfires

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INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

Dear Sir / Madam,

AT APPROXIMATELY 3.00pm DURING JANUARY 2003

I WAS ABLE TO RIDE MY BIKE INTO THE FIRE FRONT

WITH NO RESISTANCE BEING MET. I WAS IN THE

“ PYRAMID HILL AREA AND TO MY AMAZEMENT, NO

“ ONE WAS FIGHTING THE FIRE! A 3 METRE CONTAINMENT

LINE HAD BEEN GRADED IN. I STOOD AND WATCHED

THE FIRE COME UP THE SOUTHWEST FACE OF THE GULLY

(AN IDEAL PLACE TO BACKBURN) WHERE BURNING TREES

FELL ACROSS THE CONTAINMENT LINE AND THE FIRE

CONTINUED MERELY ON IT'S WAY TOWARDS MY BEAUTY.

et. P. MULL 08/05/03. -12-