


Committee Secretary

House Select Committee on the recent Australian bushfires

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INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

Dear Sir / Madam,

ON JANUARY 8th 2003 lightning strikes started fires on Mt Arthur Victoria. A plane came in and landed at Mt Beauty airstrip followed by 2 others. They loaded up (as this is a base for fire retardant) and all took off completely by-passing the fire. Weather had cleared and view was uninterrupted from our property. Had action been taken immediately we have no doubt the fire would not have developed into the huge Bogong Complex fire with subsequent

The 3rd issue to arise from the event is communication. It is difficult to pick up the A.B.C. Broadcasts in this area and as this is the National Emergency Broadcaster a boost to the signal power and range is desperately needed.

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