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TO THE HON STUART McARTHUR

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Late submission,

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Most people in this area which consists of the old OMEO SHIRE before amalgamation, say that most of the desperate situation that came about because of the recent bush fires was caused by unmanaged NATIONAL PARKS and consider these Parks to be a liability, not an asset to the region.

We feel that these Parks should be managed and regulated in the same way as other public lands including catchments, reserves, wilderness ect, encouraging salvage of storm and fire damaged stands of Mountain and Alpine Ash, and thinning as a fuel reduction tool

Fuel reduction burning with cook fires at the appropriate time and season is considered to be the best and most economic and best management practice advised to me by sixth generation settlers in this area.

Contractors, DS+E, PARKS, & CFA employees are discouraged from making submissions by confidentiality clauses related to their employment, so you will not be hearing much from them! all the Aeroplanes, Helicopters and Trac Trucks in the world don't make much difference to wild fire and there is still plenty left to burn. C.R. BRI BUCKLEY