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Senator Peris, Nova asked:

1. What steps will be taken now to prevent this occurring again next year?

Answer:

As the investigation is ongoing it would be inappropriate to comment on the findings at this time.

The Department's Office of the Supervising Scientist and Parks Australia are working with Energy Resources of Australia to improve fire management planning and practice.

The company has committed to protocols that will formalise cooperation and information sharing with Parks Australia. It is anticipated that the protocols will include bi-annual fire workshops and consultation during the development of the annual Energy Resources of Australia fire management plan.