

Mr Brian Mackenzie

I am making this submission as an individual and consent to its publication.

Adding to my earlier supplied submission:

Given the conjecture on the level of impact of this fire season it would be relevant and practical to collate the recommendations of the MANY prior Royal Commissions into bushfires that have affected the country over the years (to determine and log earlier common recommendations – both those that were acted upon and those that were not).

Given the quantum leap in data preservation it is time that information regarding the total amount of land impacted, weather condition, firefighting strategy, resources and outcome is recorded as part of an ongoing history package of fire and effect (including historical data from earlier recorded fire history).

Of the total area impacted by fire:

What area of land impacted by fire was that of national park or forest areas.

What was the total area of non national park and forest impacted.

What evidence is available regarding the last time the national park and forest areas were impacted by fire (historical data might support determination of changes to land management).

How many of the fires were further impacted by unsuccessful back burning effort (it may be that the use of back burning as a fire fighting tool needs to be more closely considered, technically).

Yours faithfully,

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