

Dear Committee Panel

Please note that I have already prepared a detailed report into the Victorian and NSW Fires. This report comes with detailed analysis of the fires. I would have like to taken the analysis of fuel management in Victoria but Victorian agencies were not forthcoming with digital data to complete the analysis.

The report is published as an [Appendix in the House of Representatives Committee of Inquiry into the 2003 bushfires](#). I have considerable fire weather, vegetation, terrain, and other background data which is already compiled on a GIS, and in background Excel spreadsheets. I welcome the panel to come to my business office to view and discuss this data.

It would be a shame if the information that I have collated on all aspects of soil dryness, fire weather, and fire perimeters was not used by the COAG inquiry. I have a considerable knowledge on fire strategy, which I have used to great effect to manage large fires. For some reason my services have not been required since I left NPWS of NSW in 2000. I feel that the prevailing philosophy and approach in managing fires in Australia is antiquated and divorced from the ecological realities in the Australian bush. Very few people understand and know how to interpret fire behaviour and relate it to fire strategy. Most assessments are based on a couple of simple fire models which have stifled development of fire models for a considerable range of vegetation types in Australia.

Thanks for your time to read this

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