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Mr Malcolm Turnbull
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister,

Accountability for extreme bushfire deaths

Since 2014 Firestick Estate has demonstrated the ostensible incompetence of the Victorian Government's efforts to mitigate extreme bushfires. Further, the many written responses to our letters to you, do not deny that your fiduciary duties under Australian Disaster Grants, makes you ultimately responsible for future deaths caused by "...high surface fuel loads, long unburnt eucalypt forest..." (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation paper 2012).

On 15 August 2016, the Victorian Premier's office acknowledged receiving a letter from Firestick Estate, credibly describing the Government's performance on prescribed burning in the Eltham Gateway area as "*disastrously inadequate*". The Victorian Premier's office stated our letter was referred to the Minister for Emergency Services who has not responded. Previously we have demonstrated the Victorian Government had made an error, at Ministerial and Commissioner level, of understating maximum bushfire spread (9km/h instead of 24km/h), apparently rendering the State's extreme bushfire warning system ineffective (firestickestate.com).

In future, easily preventable deaths from fuel driven extreme bushfires, will not only lead to the possibility of charges of involuntary manslaughter through negligence, but also the likelihood of exemplary damages. Future victims will no doubt forensically examine our letters to you and the many unsolicited responses from State Premiers, Ministers, a Commissioner and a former Federal Minister ([firestickestate responses](http://firestickestate.com)).

With the utmost respect, would you please address this issue, which clearly concerns many others at the highest levels of Government.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Clarkson (Secretary)
Firestick Estate Inc.

cc: Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Cabinet Ministers & selected International media

State:	Leader:	Opposition Leaders:
Australian Capital Territory	Chief Minister Andrew Barr	Alistair Coe
New South Wales	Premier Mike Baird	Luke Foley
Northern Territory	Chief Minister Michael Gunner	Gary Higgins
South Australia	Premier Jay Weatherill	Steven Marshall
Tasmania	Premier Will Hodgman	Bryan Green
Queensland	Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk	Tim Nichols
Victoria	Premier Daniel Andrews	Matthew Guy
Western Australia	Premier Collin Barnett	Mark McGowan

National Coronial Information Systems – Ms Eva Saar & Victorian State Coroner - Judge Sarah Hinchey

"...trying to set fires, rather than prevent them" – Bill Gammage 2012