

Mr Malcolm Turnbull
Prime Minister
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

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Dear Prime Minister,

Accountability for extreme bushfire deaths

We write in response to your letter about bushfire matters, in which you say "States and Territories...have primary responsibility for preparedness..." (Media release 4/8/16 www.elthamsdeathtrap.com).

According to the Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission, prescribed burning strategically of 5% to 8% is necessary for community safety. Strategic prescribed burning means at least 8% and possibly as high as 20% in high risk areas. This would mean that in the Eltham Gateway over the last 10 years, a total of at least 80% prescribed burning should have occurred.

However, Firestick Estate have checked the Eltham Gateway prescribed burns from a map provided by the Victorian Government. We believe the effective prescribed burning over the last 10 years is 31 hectares, a disastrously inadequate fraction of the minimum 880 hectares recommended. If correct, the State of Victoria is not even remotely fulfilling its prescribed burning preparedness in the Eltham Gateway area and possibly not in other parts of Victoria.

As Prime Minister, we believe it is imperative you insist Victoria does prescribed burning properly. The alternative is facing the prospect of being charged with involuntary manslaughter through negligence because of your fiduciary duties that go with managing Australian Disaster Grants.

With the utmost respect, would you please address this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Clarkson (Secretary)
Firestick Estate Inc.

- CC: Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Cabinet Ministers & selected Australian media
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"...trying to set fires, rather than prevent them" - Bill Gammage 2012