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Dear Prime Minister,

Accountability for extreme bushfire deaths

It appears there is confusion about who is accountable for extreme bushfire Mitigation Management (see, Deputy Liberal Leader's response, 29/6/17, Att.1).

Firestick Estate believes the management of extreme bushfires has three distinct phases: 1. **Mitigation Management** (Planning: access/egress, environmental fuel reduction, etc). 2. **Response Management** (Fire Brigades, Police, Ambulance etc). 3. **Recovery Management** (Coronial Services, Animal disposal, Legal, Building etc). More specifically, the former Deputy Leader of the Victorian Liberal Party said about extreme bushfire Mitigation Management "...the specific responsibility for this matter rests with the Minister for Planning..." (see letter, 23/11/11, Att.2).

It is now well established that the fiduciary duty accompanying Federal Disaster Grants, puts primary responsibility for "disastrously inadequate" extreme bushfire mitigation with the Federal Government (elthamsdeathtrap.com Letters to Prime Ministers, 19/12/16). A failure of mitigation causes fast moving extreme bushfires, that overwhelm Response and Recovery Managements, leading to them being unfairly made political scapegoats in the aftermath (see, "**Six people charged... including former police chiefs**", 29/6/17, Att.3).

With respect Prime Minister, would you please accept responsibility for the disastrously inadequate mitigation of extreme bushfires, before the predicted impact on a gridlock prone residential area occurs.

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Clarkson (Secretary)
Firestick Estate Inc.

CC: Opposition Leader Bill Shorten, Cabinet Ministers, National Coronial Information Systems - Ms Eva Saar & Victorian State Coroner - Judge Sarah Hinchey & selected International media

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

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Dear Belinda

On behalf of the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs, thank you for your email, receipt of which is acknowledged.

As your enquiry is regarding an emergency services matter, please contact the Minister for Justice, the Hon Michael Keenan MP.

Contact information for Members or Parliament can be found via the following website:

[www.aph.gov.au/Senators and Members](http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members)

Kind regards

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Dear Cr Clarkson

EXTREME BUSHFIRE MITIGATION PLANNING

Thank you for providing me with a copy of your letter dated 14 October 2011, to the Minister for Planning, the Hon Matthew Guy MP, regarding the **responsibility** for extreme bushfire mitigation planning.

In recent years, Victoria's tourism industry has faced a number of natural disasters such as bushfires which have challenged the whole State and had a far reaching and deeply felt impact. I therefore note with interest your support for extreme bushfire mitigation planning.

I also note that the specific **responsibility** for this matter rests with Minister for Planning, the Honourable Matthew Guy MP, and that you have been in discussions with Minister Guy.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

THE HON LOUISE ASHER MP
 Minister for Innovation, Services and Small Business
 Minister for Tourism and Major Events

23 NOV 2011



Six people charged over Hillsborough stadium disaster in 1989, including former police chiefs

AP

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BRITISH prosecutors charged six people Wednesday in the 1989 Hillsborough stadium disaster where 96 football fans were crushed to death. Those charged include the police commander on the day, David Duckenfield, who is accused of gross negligence manslaughter. The former chief of South Yorkshire Police, Norman Bettison, is charged with misconduct in public office for lying about the disaster and its aftermath. The attorney for the South Yorkshire Police was charged with acting “with intent to pervert the course of public justice” relating to changes in witness statements during an inquiry into the tragedy.

“Criminal proceedings have now commenced and the defendants have a right to a fair trial,” said Sue Hemming, the head prosecutor for special crime and counter terror.

The tragedy at the Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield unfolded when more than 2000 Liverpool soccer fans flooded into a standing-room section behind a goal, with the 54,000-capacity stadium already nearly full for the match against Nottingham Forest. The victims were smashed against metal anti-riot fences or trampled underfoot. Many suffocated in the crush.

At the time, hooliganism was common, and there were immediate attempts to defend the police operation and assign blame to the Liverpool fans. A false narrative circulated that blamed ticketless and rowdy Liverpool fans — a narrative that their families have challenged for decades.

Chairman of Hillsborough Family Support Group Margaret Aspinall said relatives had suffered “hell on earth” in their search for the truth.

“To me now this is the beginning of the end, definitely the beginning of the end,” Mrs Aspinall, whose 18-year-old son James died in the tragedy, said, per [The Telegraph](#).

“No one should have to go through what the families have gone through for 28 years to try and get to the truth and to get accountability.”