



Joint Standing Committee on Environment, Resources and Development

Terms of Reference

WILDFIRES

To inquire into and report upon what actions are possible to reduce the potential for wildfires in Tasmania and how the Tasmanian Fire Service and its volunteers can be equipped better to deal with major wildfires which threaten infrastructure, property, persons and natural values, with particular reference to :

1. Management of public lands in Tasmania and their readiness to be protected;
2. Formal and informal constraints on fuel reduction burns on publicly and privately owned land;
3. The need for legislation to require landholders to reduce fuel on the ground and the need for fire abatement notices to be issued by fire authorities in rural areas;
4. The need for all communities to have fire-response plans, with communications and coordination preparedness, particularly in remote areas;
5. The need for all properties to register a formal fire-plan with the local council and fire authorities;
6. The capacity of fire fighting services in all communities in Tasmania to fight fires and what can be learned from the Coroner's report into the Canberra bushfires of 2003; and
7. The capacity of fire fighting services in all communities in Tasmania to fight fires and what can be learned from the report of the Teague Royal Commission on Bushfires' in Victoria; and
8. Any matters incidental to the above.

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