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515 Moss Vale Road  
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Peta Seaton, M P  
Member for Southern Highlands  
Shadow Minister for Competition and Consumer Protection  
Shadow Minister for Small Business  
Shadow Minister for Insurance Regulation

Dear Peta

At the recent meeting of the Mittagong Branch of the Liberal Party, the devastating fires which occurred around the state during the period from Christmas Day well into the New Year was discussed at length. After this discussion I was requested to write to you with the views of the Mittagong Branch members.

That The National Parks and Wild Life plus The Sydney Water Catchment Authority refuse to allow hazard reduction by the Rural Fire Service during the cooler months of the year. Also many of the fire trails have been blocked - thus making it impossible for fire trucks to gain access in times of fire. The Environment Protection Authority has much to answer for too. From our understanding they won't allow pollution from hazard reduction to rise above a certain level.

The Premier, in his wisdom to keep the "Greens and Conservationists" on side has added many 1000's of hectares to The National Parks - but it would appear there is not one department wishes to take responsibility for the good housekeeping of these parks - such as hazard reduction.

After the 1994 fires when an inquiry was held, hazard reduction was high on the agenda to take place in all fire prone areas. To this point in time this hasn't happened.

Hope these thoughts from Mittagong Branch are of some help to you in your pursuit of making the Carr government accountable for its actions.

Yours sincerely



Margaret A Hogg  
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Mittagong Branch of The Liberal Party



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20 March 2002

The Secretary  
Joint Select Committee on Bushfires  
Parliament House  
Macquarie Street  
Sydney 2000

Dear Secretary

I have enclosed a submission from Miss Margaret Hogg, Secretary, 515 Moss Vale Road, Bowral 2576 for consideration by the Joint Select Committee.

I would be grateful if you would register this submission, and ensure all Committee Members are made aware of it and the content of the submission be considered in detail.

Yours sincerely

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