



Inquiry into the Wambelong fire

That General Purpose Standing Committee No. 5 inquire into and report on the causes and management of the Wambelong fire within and adjacent to the Warrumbungle National Park, in January 2013, and in particular:

1. The Bushfire Management Plan objectives for the affected area
2. The activities of National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) officers in the National Park in the week preceding the fire
3. The significance of a small fire in a camping area within the National Park, and actions taken by NPWS before the declaration of the fire under section 44 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*
4. Actions taken by NPWS following the ensuing conflagration and timing of the section 44 declaration
5. The extent of property damage within and adjacent to the fire
6. The details and effectiveness of NPWS restoration plans for the National Park and private infrastructure, including the timeliness of communication and assistance offered by NPWS to affected private property owners
7. The details and effectiveness of dispute resolution processes with respect to restitution of private property infrastructure damaged as a result of the fire
8. Any other related matter.

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