

INQUIRY INTO WAMBELONG FIRE

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Hi Robert,

I've read you're to chair an inquiry into the fire that devastated the Warrombungle N.P. Sat 12th Jan. 2013.

My property, situated in the northern part of the 'Park' was completely burnt out on Sunday 13th. I saved the house & workshop. Every thing else was destroyed. I'm sure you can appreciate I'm not amused. This same thing happened not that many years in the 'Park' joining the Goones State Forest north of Dubbo.

I propose these fires should be controlled by the R.F.S. — not the N.P. I hasten to add the N.P. should attend any outbreak of fire quickly. The R.F.S. should be notified immediately & it's up to them to deal with any fire not extinguished

quickly. To the best of my knowledge the N.P. refuse help. They have their exclusive 'club'. Nobody else can get involved till a section 44 is declared. This begs the question — who declares a section 44 & when ??

There's 2 enquiries happening now. A good opportunity for change. It will be sad if it degenerates into the blame game or finger pointing. It will be a shame if we keep getting what we always got.

I notice Scott MacDonald has a seat on the committee. He worked here on my place with Blazaid. Please give him my regards. By the way, I'm not sure I would have got going again without their help

Thanks for this opportunity to contribute Robert.

Yours faithfully,

P.S. keep your powder dry!