

**Supplementary
Submission
No 1a**

INQUIRY INTO WAMBELONG FIRE

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Hon Robert Brown MLC.
Parliament House,
Sydney.

Dear Sir,

I made a submission Dec, of
last year regarding 2 authorities controlling
fires. I'm told the National Park have
relinquished control to the R.F.S. This is
good news, but does that include all of
N.S.W.?

I'm told I can make another
submission & I wish to do so.

My submission is —
Keep Small Fires Small.

This can only be done by
quick observation. Surely a light
aircraft could be chartered during
a danger period — eg after
a storm has passed through.

I believe the Wauwelong
fire was discovered by a motorist
passing by. What would have
happened if he didn't notice the
smoke?

I was the last speaker at Leonababran Thursday 4th Sept, & I said we are surrounded by a 'fire bomb.' Lightning strikes are the most common cause of fire. Aerial surveillance can gain quick access to the remote areas of the 'Pilliga' for instance. They can radio co-ordinates & decide how to deal with the fire.

At the moment we are relying heavily on chance to identify a fire. The Pilliga for instance has been locked up for 'Carbon Credits'. I've seen millions of tons go up in smoke in the time I've been here.

I'm afraid we have the worst fire retardant loading facilities in the state. This is something else your Committee can look at & put forward to Government.

Well sir, our facilities are in dire need of improvement. There's a couple of suggestions that might help. Many thanks for your concern with this matter.

Yours faithfully