

Committee Secretary  
Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires  
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Dear Sir/Madam

What can be done to minimise bushfires is by regularly following this checklist

1. By regular mowing along the highway.
2. Putting firebreaks near bushland.
3. Removing dead trees, trunks, branches, vines, dry leaves around the house and yards as well as storing flammable goods in a storage area.
4. Have regular fire announcements to T.V, radio, and newspapers about the bushfire threat especially during the dry season. Ask the city or shire councils to distribute leaflets about bushfire warning alerts.
5. By employing a Bushfire patrolman by City councils or State governments.
6. People should have emergency fire extinguishers at home, especially people living in rural and remote areas.
7. Imposing high penalties or imprisonment for culprits caught deliberately lighting fires.
8. Check people camping in the bush and educate about the risks of bushfires.
9. Careful attention to the state forest is necessary, this is by cutting of dead trees, vines, trunks, branches, Using dry leaves as heaped mulch and all of this can be managed by people who work for the dole.
10. Keeping matches and cigarette lighters well away from children.

Yours Sincerely

  
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