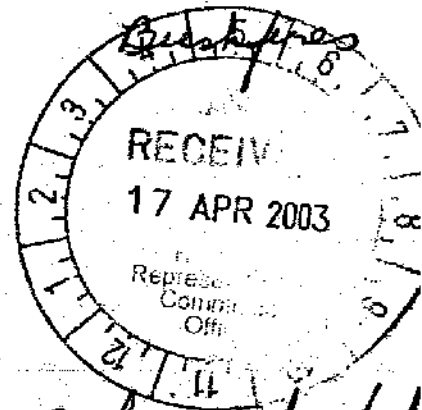


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Dear Sir/Madam,

On the 21st January at 1 PM, a fire started in Eldorado and raced towards Children rd Beechworth, this should never been allowed to happen.

If the forests were properly looked after, and mosaic burns taken place every 3 to 4 years, there would have been little to burn with a lot less loss of animal life and hardship to people trying to make a living on the land which has been hard enough with the drought.

Little can be done about the drought or floods, when they happen, but fire can be contained if forests are managed properly and fire trucks can get along tracks in the bush, but with 18 years of neglect and build up of grass and dead trees this was not possible.

Let's hope a great lesson has been learnt and the forest floor will be kept clear of debris in the future

Margaret Bear