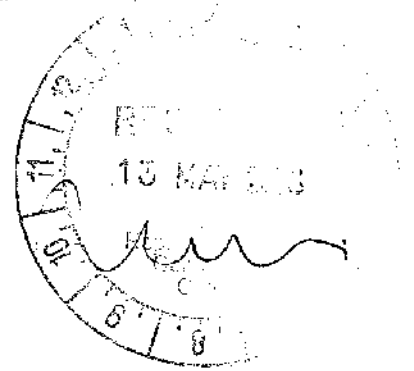


Committee Secretary
House Select Committee on the recent Australian bushfires

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INQUIRY INTO THE RECENT AUSTRALIAN BUSHFIRES

Dear Sir / Madam,

My wife and I have resided at Mount Beauty since 1958 and are now enjoying retirement here. I was employed with the State Electricity Commission of Vic from 1957 to 1989 and during that time held various positions, 1957 to 1966 as a plant operator, 1966 to 1978 as a Security Officer / Guide and from 1978 to 1989 as Transportation Officer responsible for all Kiewa transport requirements.

During my time as a plant operator (bad 12 grader)