

The negative health effects of burning and burned chromium, copper, arsenic (CCA)-treated timber that has been widely used throughout Australia needs some serious consideration during the Senate inquiry.

More climatically-induced fires reaching into suburban areas suggests there will be increased exposure for humans and animals to the toxic effects of smoke and ash generated by CCA-treated timber. On-line health advice for safe disposal of CCA-treated timber rejects burning due to the toxicity of the smoke yet this information is not being reinforced during bushfires. The ash can be fatal to stock animals. This information also needs to be reinforced.

Trained fire fighters would be educated in the toxic effects of CCA-treated smoke and have safety gear (masks) however for those wishing to stay and defend their property reinforcement of this information is necessary.

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