OUR FUTURE WITH BUSH FIRES.

After more than 5 million hectares of bushland destroyed. 30 plus people have lost their lives and an estimated 1 billion birds and animals lost to these horrible fires. 3000 plus homes and countless businesses also lost. A lot of people will never recover, and the sadness goes on and on. If we are a responsible species we must admit that if we do not change our outlook and direction, climate change and complacency will eventually destroy us. We can invest billions of \$ for this recovery just to have it happen again 10 years later????????? Something is wrong?? Fire has a bad habit of not wanting to stay on the other side of your fence.

A no burn zone must be placed from Mackay in Queensland to Eden in bottom south east corner of New South Wales. From Eden to Adelaide in south Australia, this will provide a clear division between the main population of our country and the Australian bush. Towns that already exist in the bush land like Omeo in Victoria that have 1000 people or more must be surrounded with a no burn zone. Towns that are smaller can remain at their own risk. This does not say that these towns will be forgotten, if fact all of these towns will claim under accreditation laws all the profits from their safety no burn zone.

There are many reasons for this plan to work effectively.

The no burn zone would provide an effective battle ground for fire fighters, both on the ground and in the air as all trees are eliminated from this area. They also provide a refuge place for a large number of our wildlife when running from an active fire. Current logging companies would create and maintain these no burn zones. A no burn zone creates one set of rules for the full twelve months of the year, not just for the summer period that operates here and there on different days????? This ruling from the government will create many jobs both for the control and maintenance of the zones, in a time when computers and robots are making jobs a little insecure. Not even a barbeque will be permitted in the middle oi winter. No licenses to build a dwelling for human habitat will ever be placed in a no burn zone. If a home is already existing in the new zoned area, it can only be sold to the government for storage or removal. The cost for creating such a huge zone will be very small because every stage of the operation will be income producing. Waterways will have sufficient protection from erosion with water.

The minimum width for the (<u>NO BURN ZONE</u>) Will be 2 kilometers, this may be increased but never decreased. All working personal must be accredited and wear accredited clothing only.

This is a real solution for a very frightening situation.

Thank you

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