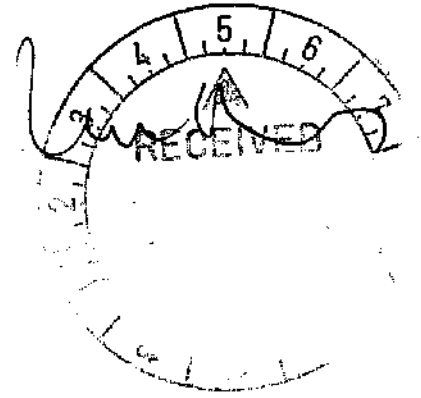


Submission No.61



To: Select Committee on the Australian Bushfires

Dear Committee Members,

I don't want to make a long submission, just one short suggestion. I'll leave things like learning mosaic patterns of preventative burning from the traditional owners, to others who know more about it.

My suggestion is to establish extensive areas of community food gardens within suburbs and around the perimeter of towns and cities between the houses and bush areas, and to encourage people who live next to bush areas to grow fire retardant species (local natives or food plants), in their gardens. The community gardens would use permaculture design principles and organic methods. Fire retardant fruit trees, shrubs and ground covers could be grown along the edge closest to the bush, taking care that none of these species are potential weeds that will invade the bush.

Sincerely

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