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**Senator Rice asked:**

**Senator BACK:** In terms of South Australia, it has always been the case that, when an agency is preparing a prescribed burn, there are a number of factors taken into account, one of which is assets of the type. Is there a concern that those preparing the prescribed burns have not sufficiently taken into account the sorts of assets that you are looking to protect?

**Mr Knudson:** I guess I would answer that in the sense that there is always a concern by the department that we would want everyone to be cognisant of—

**Senator BACK:** That is the point of my question. My experience for 25 years is that people have always been cognisant, so therefore I am interested to know where there is a specific concern that has not been addressed.

**Mr Knudson:** I do not believe that we have had a specific concern that we have not addressed. Mr Gaddes can talk more about that.

**Mr Gaddes:** I could probably give you one recent example in Victoria. I spoke about the widowmakers, where some of the preparatory works before the prescribed burn had cleared a number of trees and we were looking at whether that was at the border of significance, because of some of the hollow-bearing trees and the importance of them. In that area of the world, in Victoria, it is important for the south-east red tailed black cockatoo and some of those species.

**Senator RICE:** Where was that?

**Mr Gaddes:** I would have to take that on notice. ...

**Answer:**

The location is on the Casterton-Dartmoor Road, Dartmoor, Victoria