

HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE INQUIRY

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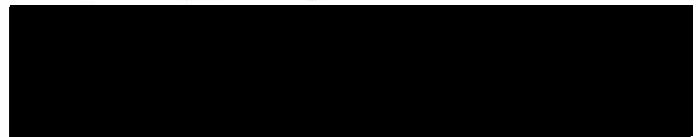
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ISSUE - INCORRECT AND MISLEADING
DESCRIPTIONS OF MORWELL
AND THE RAMIFICATIONS
INCLUDING TREATMENT OF
RESIDENTS

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THIS SUBMISSION discloses that artificial delineation of Morwell into "MORWELL SOUTH" "MORWELL EAST" etc is arbitrary incorrect and misleading. The map of MORWELL attached does not depict or recognise any geographic division such as South, East + etc.

DR ROSEMARY LESTER continually referred to "MORWELL SOUTH" as that part of Morwell south of the RAILWAY LINE leading to the impression that other parts of Morwell particularly north of the Railway line were less effected by smoke, ash and particulates in the air.

The Victorian Government assistance at least in part treated residents in the south more favourably than others.

The distance between and including Commercial Road south of the Railway line and Princes Way north of the Railway line is less than 100 metres. At times warnings about the effects of the fire were given for Moe and for Traralgon both over 14 kilometres from the fire.

Clearly authorities recognised the problems caused by the mine fire were not restricted to the small area south of the railway line

It is suggested if it is necessary to draw distinctions between various parts of any town that the authorities adopt radial distances from the seat of the fire or other disaster, and clear details of the direction and estimated speed of prevailing winds. Those details will enable residents and businesses to determine the degree of danger and discomfort.

The information supplied by Dr. Hester was inadequate and misleading. I gained the impression Dr. Hester was reluctant to impart the degree of seriousness of the effects of the fire on residents health.

