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Subject Morwell Mine Fire Submission

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Hazelwood Coal Mine to prevent fire

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Hello, I worked in the Hazelwood mine from Feb.1978 to June 2013. I worked in Operations (coal winning).For the last thirty years of my service I was a Dredge Driver on rotating shift work. I noted on TV footage of the fire on the northern and eastern batters being quite extensive. I hope I am not alone in pointing out that part of the eastern end of the northern batter was not burning. This section of the northern batter had been capped with overburden(clay/soil) in previous years. Yet either side of this capped section was ablaze. This capping is the only way to prevent future fires of batters occurring. The cause of the mine fire is irrelevant, it is the nature and ease of the coal to readily burn that needs to be focused on.

regards Mick