



Fw: Submission to Hazelwood coal mine fire inquiry

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Submission:

Dear Board of Inquiry,

I am writing this submission to request that your investigation take account of the following:

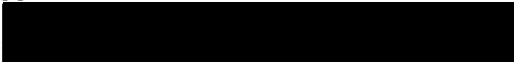

1. Health effects: The health effects of the fire need to be fully understood, and the inquiry should recommend a separate public inquiry into the long-term health effects on the affected population.
2. Fire policy: If the fire prevention policy was adequate, then the fire should not have taken hold. Media reports have suggested that the fire-fighting pipes and sprinklers had been removed, which is alarming if true.
3. Origins of fire: I was shocked to learn that there are small fires in the mine that have been burning for years. The Inquiry should investigate the source of the fire, and the contributing role these "hot-spots" in the mine might have made to the outbreak of the mine fire.
4. Rehabilitation bond: Rehabilitation means the mine site should be left clean and safe. I am concerned that the very small rehabilitation bond for the Hazelwood mine will mean GDF Suez is less likely to properly rehabilitate the site, leaving a burden of possibly hundreds of millions of dollars to Victoria taxpayers.
5. Quality of rehabilitation: Hazelwood's mining licence requires them to do "progressive rehabilitation" of the mine. I am concerned that the coal in an area that should have been rehabilitated as it hadn't been mined for decades was still able to catch on fire. It suggests that existing rehabilitation requirements were inadequate or not enforced.
6. Enforceable timelines: I think the Hazelwood Work Plan should have

enforceable timelines for rehabilitation, to ensure disused parts of the mine are rehabilitated and made safe as quickly as possible.

7. Public findings: Given that this inquiry is investigating the causes of a major public health disaster, I feel it is important that the inquiry's findings be made public very shortly after the completion of your report.

I acknowledge that my submission will be treated as a public document and may be published, quoted or summarised by the inquiry. I am a Wellington Shire Council Rate payer and a victim of Wellington Shire Council scandal. My land at the 90 mile is sitting on top of mining Licence Number E L 4416, and in the Above knowledge Wellington Shire Council Slashed my land value down to \$500 removed all the Street Signs at Flamingo Beach and surrounding areas and transformed the area into bush making it impossible For thousands of people to find their land. Adding to the above crime the Napthine Government Amendment C 71 prohibited all development at Flamingo Beach and surrounding areas. the action of Wellington shire Council to rezone our land to rural conservation has caused the free hold title holders at the 90 mile beach to suffer huge damages to our property value + in my case many years of trauma and frustration. Adding to the above crime Wellington Shire Council and the Napthine Government are / is Refusing to pay the land owners compensation for damages to our property value + damages for the trauma that my family is suffering. I urge the Honourable Premier of Victoria Doctor Dennis Napthine to extend the judicial Inquiry into the Hazel wood coal mining fire to cover the Wellington Shire Council Scandal.

Regards,

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