



Sub SI0145

info to: [REDACTED]
Sent by: info@hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au

15/05/2014 01:53 PM

----- Forwarded by [REDACTED] HAZELWOODINQUIRY on 15/05/2014 01:52 PM -----



Hazelwood Inquiry info/DPC@DTF

10/05/2014 12:05 PM

To Hazelwood Inquiry
info/DPC@DTF

cc

bcc

Subject Morwell Mine Fire Submission

Title: Mr

First Name: Barry

Surname: Higgins

Organisation represented (if applicable): N/A

Email address: [REDACTED]

Home or office phone: [REDACTED]

Content of submission (you can choose multiple): Other (please state)

If Other please state here: Submission that homes in Traralgon have been adversely affected by the fire and that 'clean - up' assistance is required.

Please select one of the following options: I acknowledge that my submission will be treated as a public document and may be published, quoted or summarised by the Inquiry.

Upload Submission:

<http://hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/formidable/20140510-Submission.doc>

User Information

User-Agent (Browser/OS): Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 6.1; WOW64)

AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/34.0.1847.131

Safari/537.36

Referrer:

<http://hazelwoodinquiry.vic.gov.au/make-a-submission/online-submissions/>



20140510-Submission.doc

I am aware of, and very sympathetic to, the residents who lived in close proximity to the Morwell Open Cut fire who suffered possible health risks and home damage.

On the western edge of Traralgon, and beyond, we also experienced air quality that caused low-level adverse physical conditions, including medium-term (so far) throat conditions.

Also, our house, on [REDACTED] in Traralgon, was, and is, coated in a tenacious layer of "grime/ash" – I will let you define it – that we are unable to completely remove.

I have pressure-hosed (with a 'Gurney') the front of my home, including window frames and screen doors; this improved the situation, but still left a layer of grime, inside and outside, that is extremely difficult and time-consuming to clean.

My insurance company has stated my policy does not cover any costs of cleaning/ rehabilitation of the home and furnishings, as the fire was too distant from my property. The policy only covers complete loss/damage.

As my wife and I are elderly and retired, we would appreciate some assistance to obtain a professional cleaning service, to deal with significant damage both within and outside our home.

In general, I believe that financial support, to provide professional cleaning services, should be extended to residents of homes further away from the seat of the fire than Morwell township.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barry Higgins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Barry Higgins

May 10th 2014.