

Our quest was simple, we had data on who was sick and where and with what, we wanted to check if there were deaths that corresponded with those figures.

We were unable to get the stats from BDM so we set about trying to find out by manually counting the death notices in the local paper, which serviced approximately the same area.

We researched the previous 6 years so that we had figures to compare the 2014 results to and what we found from our lengthy investigation was alarming. As soon as we had them correlated we had a community meeting to decide what to do. It was unanimously decided to ask the Inquiry for advice.

The previous documentation covers this and their response.

The rough graph looked like this ..



It showed we had more deaths locally than the 2009 heatwave and black Saturday bushfires combined, where 11 people died in their homes in February.

The Inquiry answered us and forwarded our rough information and concerns to the Coroner and The Department of Health (DOH!)

We were told by the Inquiry that they thought it serious and *would NOT state* in their report that *“there were no deaths caused by the minefire.”*

They lived up to their word and we thank them.