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Dear Ms Johnston

FUEL REDUCTION BURNS

Thank you for your email about Victoria's planned burning program.

I know there is a range of views in the community about planned burning.

The Victorian Government relies on expert advice when using planned burning as a key tool to reduce the bushfire risk to people, property, communities and the environment.

The Andrews Labor Government has asked the Inspector-General for Emergency Management Victoria to conduct a review of performance targets for the future bushfire fuel management program on public land.

The review will examine a risk-based approach to bushfire fuel management against the existing hectare-based performance target program. As part of the review, the Inspector-General received over 100 submissions from organisations, community groups and individuals. He will deliver his report in April 2015.

While the review isn't looking at individual planned burns, it does go to the decision-making process behind planned burning.

As part of the review, individuals and groups have been able to make submissions.

We're not pre-empting the results of the review, so planned burns scheduled for 2014-15 are still current.

For more information regarding planned burning, please visit the DELWP burns map page, www.pbns.vic.gov.au - or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667.

Yours sincerely

Hon Lisa Neville MP
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