

HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE INQUIRY

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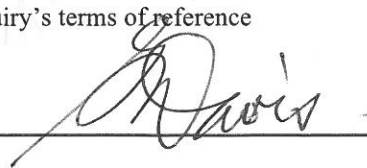
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MORWELL OPEN CUT FIRE – OBSERVATIONS

My background:

- thirty-one years with SEC – retired as a senior manager
- lived in Morwell for approximately 25 years in McLean and Elgin Streets
- was involved in the 1977 Fire Inquiry

Prime reference books – mandatory reading

Jack Vines

History of Morwell Open cut

Technical History of Yallourn Open cut 1965-1987

Observations etc.

- Response time to initial ignition (Total Fire Ban day, proximity of Hernes Oak fire
- **Access** from West to Open Cut and state of Open Cut fire breaks
- **Cognisance and attention to “Principles’ of fire protection** to Open Cuts and surrounds, including rehabilitation

(see Yallourn Open Cut History) – as defined by Forestry Officer and **subsequently reviewed by Jack A. Vines 1966, and after 1977 Fire Inquiry.** Also Bob Odgers)

NB: Yallourn Open Cut – table page 213. 100 – 400 /year (obviously requiring prompt attention, by adequately trained staff.

At privatization – what advice to new owners and what responsibilities for Government Body to monitor.

(Note: ? **transfer of responsibility** to CFA)

- **Comments from CFA volunteers** re reluctance attending at poor environment sites if mine personal weren't attending.
- **Comments by Craig Lapsley** re no SEC people now around. Note that G. Freshwarer, Bob Gaulten, Don Wakefield, Bruce King, Jack Embry, Dick Bunting, Chris Fraser etc all available locally.

Submitted by George Davis

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