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It is clear that this fire was in large part caused or exacerbated by GDF Suez's inappropriate site management regime. The Hazelwood Coal Mine should have been significantly rehabilitated, especially given the lodging of a \$25 million bond for this purpose. Moreover, the fire-fighting effort was severely hampered by instructions to retain the value of the resource, which meant the site could not be flooded. This would have saved citizens of Morwell and surrounds hundreds of thousands of dollars of hours that could not be worked, sick and dead farm animals, visits to hospital, etc.

The 'clean-up package' was really insulting. It was a DIY house-cleaning kit which included things like gloves. It sent a clear message that the Government would take no responsibility in helping the local community recover. Estimates from house-cleaning services in Morwell are upwards of \$20 000 per house.