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Submission:

Dear Board of Inquiry,

I am writing this submission to request that your investigation take account of the following:

1. The mine owner/operator should be fully responsible for the prevention of fires by adequately sealing coal faces that will remain exposed for some time with an appropriately thick layer of soil or clay to prevent the ingress of oxygen and water. This is standard practice in mines where there is a possibility of spontaneous or accidental combustion.
2. The mine owner/operator should be required to maintain an appropriate fire fighting system and a team of trained fire management people.
3. The mine owner/operator should be fully responsible for the all of the costs of fighting any fires that occur, and should not be allowed to pass these costs on to consumers.
4. The CFA should not be used to fight fires caused by the negligence of foreign owned power companies.
5. The Mines Inspectorate should be strengthened as it has been clearly demonstrated in many situations that mining companies cannot be relied on to do the right thing unless there is a clear an immediate likelihood of detection and punishment.

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