

# THE BOARD OF INQUIRY INTO THE HAZELWOOD COAL MINE FIRE

## SUPPLEMENTARY AFFIDAVIT OF MICHAEL ROBERTS

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Date sworn:	28 May 2014
Filed on behalf of:	the State of Victoria
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I, Michael Roberts, of Victoria Police, Crime Command, Level 5, 452 Flinders Street, Melbourne in the State of Victoria, make oath and as follows:

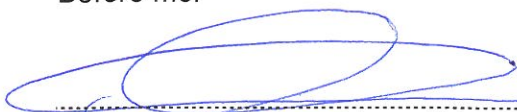
1. I am a Detective Inspector of the Victoria Police and the Officer in Charge of the Arson & Explosives Squad.
2. I make this affidavit from my own personal knowledge and belief.
3. I have been a member of the Victorian Police Force for 33 years.
4. On 16 May 2014 I swore an affidavit in relation to a request from the Board that I prepare a statement in relation to its inquiries.
5. In that affidavit I deposed to the establishment of Task Force TMESIS to investigate fires that commenced in the area around Morwell in the period 7 – 9 February 2014, including the fire in the Hazelwood coal mine.
6. I have been asked to elaborate two matters addressed in my first affidavit, as set out below.
  - (a) The Victoria Police are satisfied that the cause of the Strzelecki Series of fires was not the result of power lines or other electricity assets based on advice from Energy Safe Victoria that no power lines or other electricity assets could have ignited the fire.
  - (b) The Victoria Police have not been able to conclude that the fires that burned in the Hazelwood Coal Mine from 9 February 2014 spotted into the Mine from either the Hernes Oak fires or the Strzelecki Series of fires. Investigators have not ruled out that the fires that burned in the Mine originated inside the Mine.

  
P. O'HALLORAN  
Superintendent

  
M.C. ROBERTS  
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR

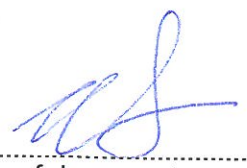
SWORN at MELBOURNE )  
in Victoria )  
on 28/05/14 )

Before me:



Signature of person taking affidavit

P. O'HALLORAN  
Superintendent  
1600hrs 28/5/2014  
Melbourne.



Signature of deponent

M.C. ROBERTS  
DETECTIVE INSPECTOR