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Dear Ms Clarkson

Thank you for your correspondence on 9 November 2014 and 20 January 2015 to the Premier, the Hon Jay Weatherill MP, regarding the fire rate spread in public warnings.

The South Australian Country Fire Service has carefully reviewed your correspondence, the relevant CSIRO paper and the responses by various Commonwealth and State Ministers, and the Emergency Management Commissioner Mr Craig Lapsly.

South Australia has adopted the National Scaled Warnings Framework which is also used by Victoria. This national framework was established in 2009 in response to the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission. The calculated fire rate of spread is one of many inputs that are considered when issuing timely and appropriate warnings to the community.

At this point I have no further comments to add beyond what has already been provided to you from the above Ministers and officials.

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'TP' with a flourish.

**Hon Tony Piccolo MP**  
Minister for Emergency Services

9 / 3 / 2015

cc: The Hon Jay Weatherill MP, Premier of South Australia  
Mr Greg Nettleton, Chief Officer, South Australian Country Fire Service

