

Mr Tony Abbott  
Prime Minister  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

9 November 2014

Dear Prime Minister,

### **Australian disaster grants**

The Victorian Government Minister responsible for issuing public warnings about extreme bushfire, have confirmed that those warnings will apparently rely on a maximum hourly rate of spread of 9 kilometres per hour (km/h)<sup>1</sup>.

The Australian Government Minister responsible for the CSIRO (which has done extensive research on extreme bushfire rate of spread), has written the figure is 24km/h<sup>2</sup>.

Why should Australian taxpayers pay disaster grants for a repeat of Black Saturday's systemic warning failures in Victoria?

Yours sincerely,



Belinda Clarkson

Attached: <sup>1</sup> [Victorian Government Minister Wells letter 3 November 2014](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Minister Macfarlane letter, 15 August 2014](#)

<b>CC:</b>	Opposition Leader	Bill Shorten	Opposition Leaders:	Jeremy Hanson
	Australian Capital Territory	Chief Minister Katy Gallagher		John Robertson
	New South Wales	Premier Mike Baird		Delia Lawrie
	Northern Territory	Chief Minister Adam Giles		Steven Marshall
	South Australia	Premier Jay Weatherill		Bryan Green
	Tasmania	Premier Will Hodgman		Annastacia Palaszczuk
	Queensland	Premier Campbell Newman		Daniel Andrews
	Victoria	Premier Denis Napthine		Mark McGowan
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