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Your Ref: Letter dated 12 February 2018

Ms Belinda Clarkson
Secretary
Firestick Estate Inc
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Dear Ms Clarkson

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRES ROYAL COMMISSION

Thank you for sharing your letter dated 12 February 2018 to His Excellency Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove regarding your concerns with the national investment in prescribed burning.

Your suggestion to dismiss the Prime Minister is outside my remit for comment, however I would draw your attention to a recent national investment in bushfire prevention, the National Bushfire Mitigation Program for \$15 million over three years (2014-2017).

It is well understood that bushfires can have a devastating effect in Australia and I would argue that all Australian governments are committed to reduce their prevalence and impact.

I acknowledge that you feel strongly about this issue and I commend you for your interest in public safety.

Yours sincerely

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DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
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