

Appendix I

**Beverley Walker**

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**From:** <Dieter.Melzer@epa.vic.gov.au>  
**To:** <bev1@bigpond.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 February 2004 12:10 PM  
**Subject:** Peat fire at Venus Bay

Dear Ms Walker,

Sorry for the delay in responding to your letter which we received on 12 February 2004.

I can confirm that our records show that the first of 5 complaints regarding smoke from a fire from burning of tussocks (which then spread to peat in the ground) was received on 10/04/2002.

Our records show that there were virtually daily contacts with the land owner to encourage him to extinguish the fire. This was eventually completed using a combination of ploughing and dousing with water on 18/04/02.

I hope this answers your query - if you have any further enquiries, please contact me on 51761744.

Yours sincerely

Dieter Melzer

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