

Press Release

Here is my press release on 3GI's coverage given to Phil Ingamells from the VNPA.

The ABC needs to take a lead from the commercial networks who have a much better record of conveying the truth than some of the environmental issues especially from Radio 3GI. Before any more deception goes out from your network that grazing and cattleman's burning has no effects on fires I suggest you take a look at the two photos on the front of the following website. The claims about all the science is just utter fantasy, lying and deception was never science when I went to school.

<http://groups.msn.com/LicolaCommunity>

I was one of the people who had the rotten and unenviable job of fighting fires in the alpine environment when none of the agencies would come near us because they considered it too dangerous. You pair need to start showing some respect for the victims and the environment from the failed land management the ABC has been pushing in a biased and uncaring way for years with scant regard for the consequences. These victims now extend to hundreds of people down on the Gippsland Plains now threatened with flooding.

We have now had massive fires and floods that there is no geological record for thousands of years from similar events, all from the failed land management. Just what has to happen before it sinks in with people like yourselves that something might be wrong?

Just how many of these people like Ingamells were giving warnings of fires and floods before 2006, like what was coming out of Licola for years beforehand?

People like Ingamells are given full length interviews to promote the environments that lead to the recent disasters when as a Captain of the management promoted by people like Ingamells had become so dangerous. There was no help in 2006 fighting fires on Bennison from the CFA, DSE, Parks Victoria, VNPA, ABC, the Labour Party or anyone else who had pushed the dangerous land management. The local people who had fought this management were once again the bunnies.

Of most concern is the risk to people on the Gippsland Plains from the continuing threat of flooding. There is a very serious risk of species extinctions from two fires close together before many plants have time to set seed. Another high intensity fire in the mass of snow grass has the potential to seriously denude more country causing massive unnatural run off. Mr Barraclough said cattle grazing needed to return to most areas of the alpine environment as a priority and free of the lies, deception and shonky science used to remove it.

Mr Barraclough was scathing in his criticism of the ABC for being so un

caring and unconcerned about the accuracy of biased material in their programs. The ABC needs to have some responsibility in promoting issues that have the potential to create more community disruption than most threats from teariest groups he said.

Mr Barraclough released a letter of 22-8-05 that Phil Ingamells had failed to reply to. The ABC had been made well aware of this letter.

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