

## Appendix 1

### Minister's Request



**Minister for Emergency Services**



Mr Tony Pearce  
Inspector General Emergency Management  
Department of Justice and Regulation  
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Dear Mr Pearce

#### **CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IN VICTORIA**

In accordance with the objectives of the Emergency Management Act 2013 and importantly to document good practice and foster continuous improvement of emergency management in Victoria I request that you report on the learnings to date from the Wye River - Jamieson Creek Track fire.

The report will need to consider and incorporate good practice and learnings from the following:

1. Detection of the lightning strike and Initial Attack on the Wye River Jamieson Track fire which occurred on the 19 December 2015.
2. Incident Action Planning developed and implemented by the Incident Controller for the Wye River Jamieson Track fire.
3. The fire control strategy developed and implemented between 19 December and 25 December 2015 for the Wye River Jamieson Track fire.
4. The community information, warnings and engagement plans and actions that were developed and implemented in managing the Wye River Jamieson Track fire between the 19 December and 25 December 2015.
5. The Evacuation and Traffic Management planning that was developed and effected on the 25 December 2015 for the Wye River Jamieson Track fire.

I understand that you and your staff were in attendance at this fire over a number of days conducting monitoring and evaluation functions as part of your legislative role and that a number of observations were made relative to those issues listed above.

I request that you provide an update and initial draft report to myself by the 21 January 2016.

Yours sincerely

**Jane Garrett MP**  
**Minister for Emergency Services**

