





SAFER FORESTS PLAN

PREMIER'S PROMISE "ROYAL COMMISSION IF NECESSARY"

MODEL TOWNS PROPOSED

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Legislation to compel the construction of specially designed dug-outs and other shelters in all timber areas would be considered by the State Cabinet immediately, the Premier (Mr. Dunstan) said yesterday.

Mr. Dunstan, who had just returned from a two-days' tour of bush fire areas, added that speedy rehabilitation of the milling industry would be one of the Ministry's objectives.

A Royal Commission to inquire into the fires and into forest control would be appointed if the Cabinet considered it necessary after it had heard a deputation





Photo : Rhys Smith of Churchill/Hazelwood fire, Lawless Rd.





Photo taken by Jake Valance of the Kinglake fire. February 2009



McCaffrey-NAFC Oct 7, 2009

173 deaths
500+ injured
2000+ homes
1400 farm sheds
61 commercial buildings
12 community buildings
11,000+ animals
10,000_km fences
Timber resources
\$1.5b insurance loss
430,000 ha burnt
78 communities



ROYAL Commission



2009 Victorian Bushfires
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