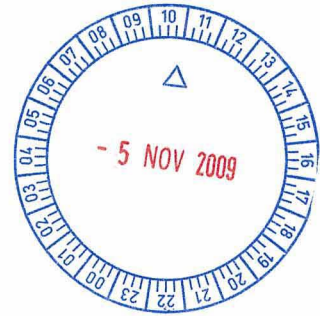


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Hon. Max Trenorden MLC  
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### Inquiry into Wooden Power Poles

Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to comment.

We believe the issues with Wooden Power Poles and maintenance in particular are mainly issues for the power distribution companies and Governments.

This said, there may be relevant issues arising from the Victorian Bushfire Royal Commission that could well be reflected in their final recommendations so there is a need to see what the Royal Commission has to say.

From an insurance perspective there were approximately 10,280 claims received by Insurance Council members from the Victorian bushfires including 1,853 total loss of insured residential properties. The insured loss at 30 September 2009 stands at approximately \$1.1billion made up of the total loss of insured residential, commercial, industrial, motor vehicles and Farming properties.

I believe that the committee looking at the Australian Standard AS 3959 Building in Bushfire Prone Areas has at least one expert on timber electric poles and who may have some input into the revised Standard.

Regards  
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