VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT THANKS FOR BUSHFIRE

Statement by the Minister for Supply, (Hen. Allen Fairhall)

The Minister for Supply, Mr. Allen Fairhall, has received from the Deputy Premier of Victoria, Mr. A.G. RYLAH, a letter.

Praising the work of Department of Supply officers in the recent bushfires in the Dandenongs, Mr. Rylah expressed the sincere approciation of the Victorian Government.

He said that the tanks and trucks provided by the Department of Supply had been of inestimable value in controlling the fires. Without them, the situation could have been worse.

"The Chief Fire Officer of the Country Fire Authority has spoken very highly of the efforts of the officers of your Department and the fine spirit of co-operation they displayed", Mr. Rylah wrote.

He asked that his personal grateful thanks, and the sincere appreciation of the Victorian Government, be conveyed to all Department of Supply officers concerned for the part they played in the disaster.

Mr. Fairhall said that it was most gratifying to receive such praise of his Department's officers.

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