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Notes at launching of Fire Prevention Week

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NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR DUNSTAN, AT LAUNCHING OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA FACES A VERY SEVERE FIRE HAZARD THIS SUMMER.  
THE CONSEQUENCES IN HUMAN SUFFERING AND LOSS OF PROPERTY COULD BE  
CATASTROPHIC.

THE ABUNDANCE OF FEED, THE LATE RAINS, ABSENCE OF MAJOR FIRES IN  
RECENT YEARS MEAN THAT THE FIRE RISK IS GREATER AND THAT THE AREA OF  
DANGER IS MUCH LARGER.

BUT FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IS NOT ORGANISED JUST TO WARN PEOPLE OF  
BUSHFIRE DANGERS - IMPORTANT AS THAT IS.

THE RESULTS OF DOMESTIC OR INDUSTRIAL FIRE CAN BE EVEN MORE APPALLING.  
AND IT'S AVOIDABLE.

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DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY 95 PER CENT OF ALL FIRES ARE CAUSED BY PEOPLE.  
THE COST: AN IRREPLACEABLE, 188 PEOPLE DEAD IN AUSTRALIA LAST YEAR,  
PROPERTY WORTH \$134-MILLION GONE UP IN SMOKE.

NO PERSON OR ORGANISATION IS FREE OF DANGER FROM FIRE. BUT SENSIBLE  
PRECAUTIONS CAN PREVENT.

SO PLEASE THIS WEEK LISTEN TO THE ADVICE THE FIRE BRIGADE, THE E.F.S.,  
THE BUSHFIRE RESEARCH COMMITTEE AND THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE PROTECTION  
ASSOCIATION WILL GIVE.

AND THIS SUMMER BE ULTRA CAREFUL. THE RISK IS GREAT.