

Royal Commission Interim Report

Under Heading: Recovery Effort

3.93 The physical and emotional toll on people who survived the fires was evident in many submissions. Mrs Pamela Clune of Wollert recounted the difficulties she and her husband Colin faced after he suffered significant burns while fighting fires as a CFA volunteer. She described the experience of:

... trying to limit the emotional effect on our children and grandchildren, extended family and friends ... Eight weeks passed before I found my own personal space to allow myself to deal with the reality of 'Our CFA Black Saturday' journey. To let the tension of holding on relax, and allow suppressed emotions to flow. Together we hope we have limited the risk of hidden, long term, emotional trauma that we are aware could occur.⁶⁵

Nothing mentioned regarding Individual Hand Held/Free Radios. Why Not?