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**From:** John Burrows **Sent:** Fri 24/07/2009 8:44 AM  
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**Subject:** Just a couple of observations out of the Vic Black Saturday Fires  
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Tom,  
Just a couple of observations out of the Vic Black Saturday Fires and a couple of sobering comments that I have found:-

" Conformity to rules was the enemy of judgment, commonsense and moral responsibility"

"There was a failure by media to distinguish between the fire-fighter on the frontline, who were rightly lauded, and the competence of those who were controlling the fight".

However in conversation with some QFRS managers there is a belief that this would not happen in Queensland, whats your thoughts, and have we prepared ourselves to ensure this doesnt happen?

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