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### **Fire Signs: Now Why Didn't the State Government Think of That?**

Liberal MP Christine Fyffe has applauded her local CFA at Wandin North for their practical and common sense modification to their fire danger sign to ensuring residents remain informed about the current level of fire danger.

"The Wandin CFA Station is displaying the Government's new fire danger rating signs, but have taken the initiative to bring back the clock face and pointer that informs passers by immediately what that day's current fire risk is locally. Mrs Fyffe said. "This gives them the information they need to react accordingly."

"Why didn't the Government think of it?" Mrs Fyffe asked. "New South Wales are keeping the original clock face warning board, sign but with modifications to incorporate the new fire danger ratings. Why can't we?"

"The Brumby Government's new fire signs that are still in the pipeline don't give local information," Mrs Fyffe said.

"All the CFA has been given at present are fire signs that don't display the level of local fire danger. The new signs advise people to visit the CFA website, read the newspapers or phone the bushfire information line for more information," Mrs Fyffe said.

"Internet servers go down, mobile phone batteries go flat, electricity blacks out. What we need are simple means of communicating messages efficiently and reliably. We had that with the original fire danger boards," Mrs Fyffe said.

"I have been told by local CFA members that the original signs worked perfectly and volunteers were happy to service the old signs," Mrs Fyffe said.

"We should be striving to simplify communications not complicate them during bushfire season," Mrs Fyffe said.

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