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LETTER TO THE EDITOR – HERALD SUN

Dear editor

The State Government's research on how Victorians react to bushfires ('Vics take fire risks' Herald Sun, 13 January) confirms the repeated experience of front line CFA volunteers.

While fighting major fires, we too often see people ill-prepared to protect their property and not dressed to protect themselves, others leaving far too late with no backup plan for when things go wrong, and some who snap from idle curiosity to disorganised panic as the fire approaches.

We don't want you to scorn or ridicule these people, just don't be one of them.

Fire safety starts with you and all the things you can do to make your property less likely to burn and your family that much better prepared to leave early with everything they need. The website www.emergency.vic.gov.au, the information line 1800 240 667 or your local CFA Brigade are all good sources of advice.

And if there's a fire in your area and you find yourself thinking you'll 'wait and see', that's the time to stop waiting.

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Representing CFA volunteers

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