

MP Sarah Henderson Community Meeting 9 January 2016 – Wye SLSC

Brief notes (standing room only) of Emergency Management Commissioner Craig Lapsley's comments, as follows:

- the wye/sep community demonstrated passion & compassion with the fires and the aftermath
- single contractor will be appointed for clean-up
- material will be classified hazardous, recycle and debris - use multiple tips in Vic
- Communications on insurance due out Wed/Thurs this week
- Set up one-stop-shop at Apollo Bay to service enquiries re planning & building permits
- Set up Community Recovery Committee including reps of key community groups - PA, SLC, CFA to be owned and led by the community - needs trusted leaders
- Key objectives for the recovery phase are health & wellbeing, liveability, sustainability & viability

Craig commented that the fire spread was not large in relative terms, but the terrain and location made containment & control extremely difficult

There were various questions from the floor covering communications, role of Council and other agencies, State Govt position on paying for clean-up and the selective fencing of some streets and properties.

These issues will get another run at the Sunday Community Forum, 17 January 2016 hopefully with more substantive responses.