

## APPENDIX D

### PARTIES GRANTED LEAVE TO APPEAR

Table D.1 lists all parties granted leave to appear during the course of the Commission. Leave to appear was granted to a person or organisation whose conduct was likely to be scrutinised or questioned as a consequence of evidence led before the Commission.

**Table D.1 Parties granted leave to appear**

Party	Leave granted in relation to terms of reference
<b>ACE Radio Broadcasters Pty Ltd</b> Represented by Lamplugh McIntosh Lawyers	1, 2, 3, 10
<b>Australasian Fire and Emergency Service Authorities Council</b> Represented by Brett Murphy, Internal Counsel Counsel: Mandy Fox	2—preparation and planning in relation to stay or go; building in bushfire-prone areas; use of fire shelters/ refuges; community warnings; bushfires and use of vehicles; prescribed burning 3—response to fires, including AIMS ICS; volunteerism in emergency management; agency interoperability
<b>Australian Broadcasting Corporation</b> Represented by Mr Jonathan Duhs, Senior Lawyer, Australian Broadcasting Corporation Counsel: Jeremy Ruskin QC and Jamie Gorton	1, 2, 6, 9, 10
<b>Australian Institute of Architects Victoria</b> General Counsel: Richard Barton	6, 7, 8
<b>Australian Workers Union</b> Represented by Maurice Blackburn Lawyers	1, 2, 3
<b>Christine Nixon</b> Initially represented by the Victorian Government Solicitor, then represented by Russell Kennedy Counsel: Jim Kennan QC and Michael Croucher	1, 2, 3, 9, 10
<b>Commonwealth of Australia</b> Represented by the Australian Government Solicitor Counsel: Fiona McLeod SC, Jane Treleaven and Lindy Barrett	Unconditional leave
<b>CSIRO</b> Represented by Mae Gan, CSIRO In-house Counsel	1, 2, 6, 8
<b>Electrix</b> Represented by Clayton Utz Counsel: Samuel R Horgan SC	1, 2, 4—insofar as they related to the Western District fires and systemic problems with electricity
<b>Housing Industry Association</b> Represented by Glenn Simpson, Housing Industry Association	6, 7, 8
<b>Insurance Council of Australia</b> Represented by Allens Arthur Robinson Counsel: Wendy Harris	6, 7, 8
<b>Loy Yang Power</b> Represented by Holding Redlich	1, 2, 4—insofar as they related to the Churchill fire
<b>Master Builders Association of Victoria</b> Represented by Angelo Simonetto, In-house Counsel	6, 7, 8
<b>Municipal Association of Victoria (77 Councils)</b> Represented by Mallesons Stephen Jaques Counsel: Neil Young QC, Dr Gregory Lyon SC and Jonathon A Redwood	Unconditional leave
<b>Police Association Victoria</b> Represented by Tony Hargreaves & Partners Counsel: Ian Hill QC and Darren Bracken	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 11
<b>Powercor Australia Limited</b> Represented by Wotton Kearney Lawyers Counsel: David Curtain QC and John Goetz	1, 2—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and preparation and planning for fires in relation to power assets

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<b>Russell Rees</b> Initially represented by the Victorian Government Solicitor, then represented by the Office of Crown Counsel Counsel: Julian Burnside QC and Georgina Costella	1, 2, 3, 9, 10
<b>SP AusNet</b> Represented by Freehills Counsel: Richard Stanley QC, Jonathan Beach QC, Donald Farrands and Bernie Quinn	1, 2—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and preparation and planning for fires in relation to power assets
<b>Standards Australia</b> Represented by Blake Dawson General Counsel: Fiona Bustos-McNeil	2, 6, 8
<b>State of Victoria</b> —including Department of Sustainability and Environment, Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, County Fire Authority, Victoria Police, Department of Premier and Cabinet and Department of Justice Represented by the Victorian Government Solicitor Counsel: Allan Myers AO QC, Neil Clelland SC, Kerri Judd SC, Garry Livermore, Marita Foley, Justin Brereton, Catherine Button and Christine Melis	Unconditional leave
<b>Telstra Corporation Limited</b> Represented by Freehills Counsel: Michael Garner	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 10
<b>United Firefighters Union of Australia</b> Initially represented by Slater & Gordon Counsel: Kristine Hanscombe SC and Kate Bowshell and initially Mark Dean SC and Andrew Tragardh	1, 2, 3
<b>Utility Services Corporation Limited trading as Utility Asset Management</b> Represented by Holman Fenwick Willan Counsel: Ross Ray QC and Elizabeth Brimer	1, 2—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and preparation and planning for fires in relation to power assets
<b>Victims of fires</b> Persons represented by Hunter Newns Lawyers Counsel: Timothy Tobin SC and Lachlan Armstrong	1—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and 3
<b>Victims of fires</b> Persons represented by Maddens Lawyers Counsel: Timothy Tobin SC and Lachlan Armstrong	1—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and 3
<b>Victims of fires</b> Persons represented by Nevin Lenne & Gross Lawyers Counsel: Timothy Tobin SC and Lachlan Armstrong	1—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and 3
<b>Victims of fires</b> Persons represented by Maurice Blackburn and Oldham Naidoo Lawyers (previously Slidders Lawyers) Counsel: Robert Richter QC, Timothy Tobin SC and Lachlan Armstrong	1—causes and circumstances of the fires insofar as they related to power assets and 3
<b>Victorian Association for Forest Industries and the National Association of Forest Industries</b> Represented by the Victorian Association for Forest Industries Counsel: Clem A Newton-Brown	7—land-use planning and management, including urban and regional planning
<b>Victorian National Parks Association Inc</b> Represented by the Environmental Defenders Office (Victoria) Ltd Counsel: Brendan Sydes	7—land-use planning and management, including urban and regional planning
<b>Volunteer Fire Brigades Victoria</b> Represented by Duncan Lawyers Counsel: Jane Dixon SC, Nicola Collingwood and initially Adrian Finanzio and Christopher Winneke	1, 2, 3