

Putting us at risk

IT should come as no surprise that the residents of the Upper Yarra Valley have been abandoned again. The State Government's decision to extend the Yellingbo Conservation Area past the original boundaries of 2011 has left families at the mercy of an increased bushfire risk.

This extended revegetation is on land upstream from the Woori Yallock Creek along the Yarra and its tributaries almost up to Warburton and covering Launching Place, Yarra Junction and Gladysdale.

As if this area needs increased fire-risk given Warburton has been rated by three agencies as having the highest bushfire risk level in the state.

"Bushfire safety are at the forefront of your government's mind" said Lily D'Ambrosio, Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change. Well, clearly the families of the Upper Yarra Valley area are bushfire exempt.

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