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Good Evening. Recently I went on a Gannawarra Shire coach tour of the established Batteries in my area (Kerang).

having lived on our cereal growing property n experienced fires over 60 yrs created by Farmers Harvesting their / our crops i asked the VNI rep on board what action was to happen if a Harvester (header) through the fence inadvertently had a spot fire, or fire ball commenced by using the machine.

the reply floored me.

whats a harvester?

so asked then what precautions they had in place.

reply was

oh we have cleared all the land around the battery area.

See there are no grasses and we have two water tanks.

what size I asked.

well he thought 2x20 thousand litres.

I gave up then at this drop of water in the scheme of proving to be of much value.

the battery cost \$400 million n has farmers growing crops on 3 sides of their establishment n as the speed n ferocity of crops is swift ,spread rapidly n have high density that take a lot to control.

The lack of these Companys environmental knowledge is utterly disrespectful and ignorant of the areas they invade.

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