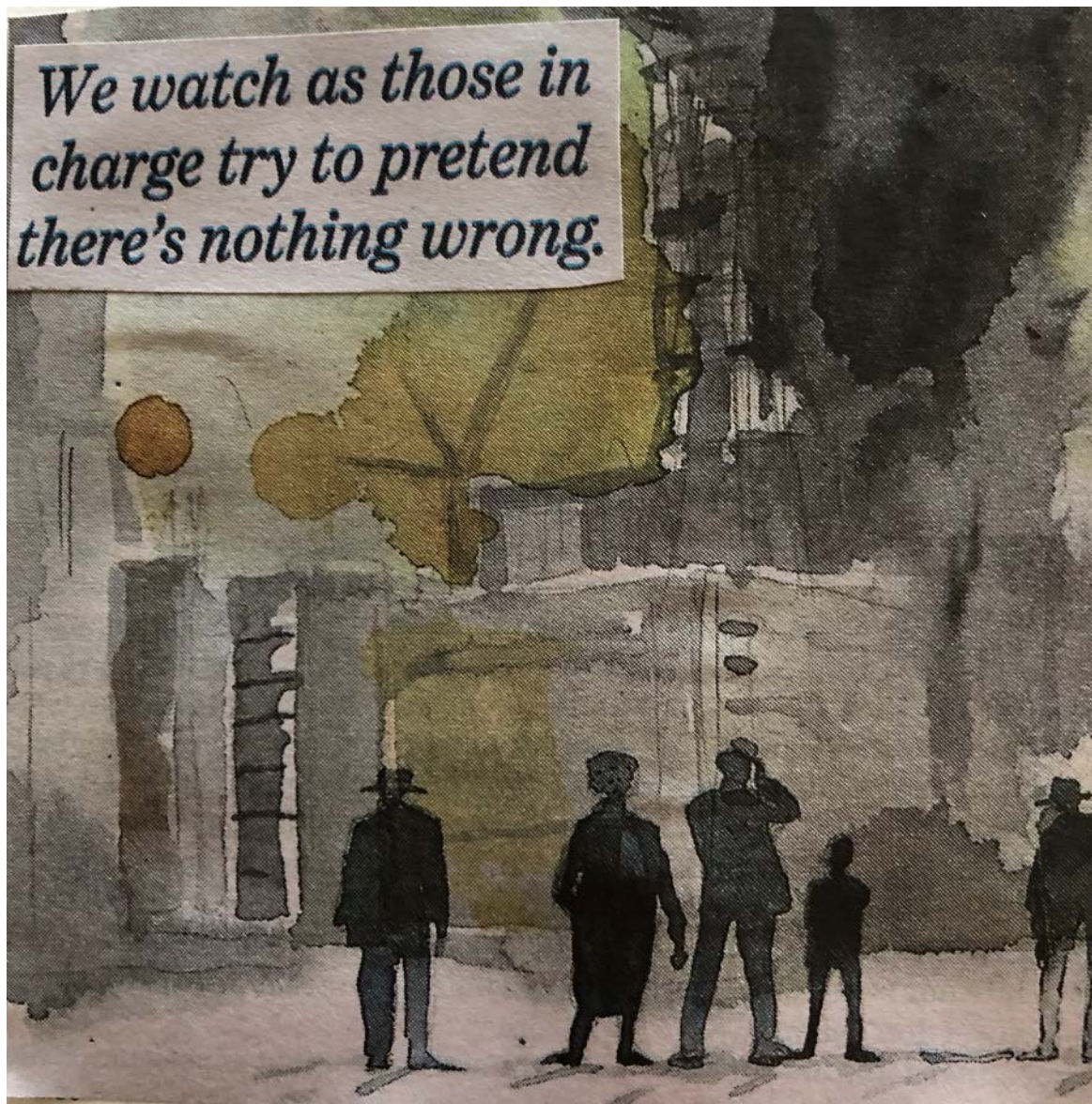
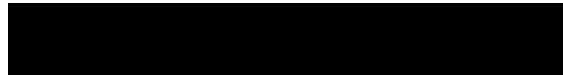


Submission to the ESV Draft Report: The condition of Power Poles in South West Victoria

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it is glaringly obvious that Powercor needs to improve its infrastructure and safety.

The Royal Commission gave the distribution companies a “get out of jail card” to smarten up their ageing infrastructure after Black Saturday.

This has not happened.

Pole 4 collapsed on my property and caused widespread devastation to my community.

We are on our knees praying that they use everything at their disposal to bring their infrastructure up to the highest standards possible.

Country people need to have a voice on the Board of ESV as our situation is a world away from sitting up in some office in Melbourne.

City people can't understand our losses, our dreams or what our future might look like after the absolute horror of a fire that should not have happened.

We want to live.

We want safety in our community.

Why are we still needing these conversations as we approach 2020?

The price of doing something. It's been suggested by people in the energy industry that some of the recommendations were going to cost too much to implement.

All I can say is, have you ever spoken to anyone about the cost of losing a loved one in a bushfire?

Why was our line, the Sparrow Spur line left in such a rotten dangerous state? Pole 4 was not fit for purpose.

