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Compensation of £1052/10/- is being sought from Keilor city council for the loss of fencing by fires alleged to have started from the municipal tip.

The tip is at Green Gully, between Keilor and St. Albans. Grass fires which swept through that area during the summer months burnt out nearly 2000 acres as well as a number of buildings on house properties.

The claim is being made on behalf of M. R. and Mrs. E. Macrae, whose property is in the locality.

A list of the losses was submitted by Mr. G. H. Murphy, insurance loss assessor, who claimed the

fires originated at the tip.

He stated that one fire had destroyed 171 chains of fencing which would cost £427/10/- to replace. The other length of fencing destroyed was 200 chains, which would cost £625.

Mr. Murphy requested that the council's attitude and plans for future security should be made known to him as representative of the Australian Union Assurance.

Cr. Eddie, who is a farmer at St. Albans and a member of the volunteer fire brigade, said one of the fires certainly did not start at the tip. He was in attendance and knew it

came from the direction of Calder Highway, some distance away.

Council referred the claim to its solicitors.

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Late meetings of Keilor city council have been commented on from inside and outside, and a time test was made at last meeting.

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