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Dear Steve,

Thank you for your letter in relation to:

**Carr Government's \$2.6 million Bushfire Recovery Program.
Recovery Task Force**

I note also the front-page article in today's Summit Sun **Recovery Package Announced.**

Steve, I wonder if you could look at the attached proposal. What we have in mind is touring the district once again, as we did for the Snowy River Journey of Recovery (Organised by Graeme Enders of the DLWC - Premier's Department Queanbeyan) to collect anecdotal evidence in relation to the recent bushfire emergency.

The questionnaire (attached) builds a generic, interview framework to examine the pre, during and post-fire period for individuals, small and large businesses entities and organisations. There will be a specific questionnaire developed for scientists according to their respective disciplines and areas of specialisation. This questionnaire may also be utilised at a later date for a broad-based regional survey through your electorate office as is appropriate.

What we propose is to engage in a co-funding venture together with Wilson Tuckey's office. Mr Tuckey has expressed an early interest in this proposal and, as you know, he intends to hold a Federal Inquiry into the Bushfires. A collaborative approach may prove to be advantageous. We would envisage that this project would fall into the Recovery Task Force basket.

We are able to begin immediately should funding be forthcoming. We would appreciate your comments and feedback. You may note from the questionnaire Steve that this information could also be of use for future emergency management planning.

Regards,

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