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Attention:

Member for New England - Barnaby Joyce

Member for Northern Tablelands - Adam Marshall

Cllr & Mayor, Inverell Shire Council

22nd October 2019

Bushfire Hazards - Property Losses - Lack of Insurance Cover etc

Re - Surrounding District and Village of Yulgari (2360) in the

Parish of Olive, County of Gough, Inverell Shire Council,

NW State Electorate of Northern Tablelands,

Federal Electorate of New England, NSW, Australia.

This area and immediate surrounding areas contain several geographic Protected Lands, National Parks, State Pine Forests of the Linnya Plateau as well as zoned catchment areas of Kopes Creek, Copeton Dam/Gwydir River, and headwater collection creeks of the Macintyre River catchment areas.

Background - January - March 2019 Uncontrolled Bushfires

These totally destroyed many thousands of hectares of private properties, and various government controlled lands by government bureaucratic offices and policies.

These uncontrolled fires were well documented by the RFS systems.

These, started by lightning strikes in these government controlled lands. Many of which are now completely choked by the uncontrolled overgrowth of now feral proportions of native pine trees including the above Yulgari invasions rampant.

These historical native GRASSLANDS, so valuable to our sustainable rural agriculture and native species habitats have been destroyed totally by this prolific seeding feral pine species.

These overgrowth choked areas become sterile to all other forms of life i.e. grasses, native trees, shrubs; all animals - native, farm; all birdlife; and especially all pollinators.

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Years of neglect by these government agencies controlling bodies, i.e Stock Routes, National Parks, Protected Areas, Catchment Zones, especially in the years of Liberal/National Party coalition government Policies is a national disgrace. Especially in regard to lack of fire hazard reduction burns and non-existent controls. All of which have created and caused soul destroying situations for all private property owners and home owners in allied residential situations adjoining these areas.

Recent to Hand - personally from a nearby landowner whose home and property insurance cover was due for renewal. Only to be notified by the local Supermarket Insurance company atm that it would no longer cover this property. Further enquiries to three other companies revealed the same veto.

So, I pose the following questions to all three levels of government, especially the Liberal-coalition machines.

Are the governments of this nation going to continue to disregard the actual needs of actual voters to protect their properties and homes and family futures?

Are they going to continue to ignore the overdue need for compulsory government controlled Hazard Reduction Burns on its controlled lands?

Are prohibitions of controlled livestock grazing on these controlled lands being revoked?

Are these coalition government policies remain unchanged?

Are these coalition governments prepared to alter and implement policies appropriate to protect peoples rights?

As the current State government rolls out its long term IPART System onto Local government and its ratepayers via privatisation of the Valuers General's Dept via the L.G Land Rating System, via engagement of contracted Valuers to change the existing

Land Rating System from Unimproved Capital Value to Improved Capital Value will impact greatly on home owners insurance.

Such allied systems are based upon postcodes area "desktop" intense blanket calculations - not individual on-site inspections. Shall the Coalition governments halt the "No cover" actions of insurance companies / brokers?

Ultimately such actions of lack function of fire hazard controls on government lands and nil insurance cover privately will depopulate rural towns and villages, and destroy the viability of any person / business who tries to remain.

So, who shall be left to support the existence of the large scale corporate mono-culture industries which shall still need the local town essential services industries and maintenance workers?

And, all local governments shall be further financial stressed.

It won't be just Armidale and Tamworth which will stagnate and regress, due to water shortages.

When will the coalition governments and its bureaucrats protect the people's right to exist and protect their property with rapid changes to all of the current non-effective policies which kill off all of the "little people" of this nation?

NSW certainly exists - Newcastle, Sydney, Wollongong - The concrete jungles and new rebuild sports stadiums reign supreme.

Rural voters and populations don't need further empty hot air exposures and empty promises.

Roll on the next elections!

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N.B.

This need includes the urgent desilting of the weirs at Inverell on the Macintyre River, formerly the Inverell Water Supply Weir, ABIA