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Your story	<p>Is the \$2billion set aside for the bushfire recovery by the Federal Government enough? Knowing that the government easily found \$20billion, so far, for the Coronavirus epidemic.</p> <p>Surely an equal amount is required for the bushfire recovery.</p> <p>Will the people and environment effected be forgotten?</p>
1.1 Causes and contributing factors	
1.2 Preparation and planning	
1.3 Response to bushfires	Is the \$2billion set aside for the 2019/2020 bushfire recovery enough?

From the ABC , January 8 "Ross Garnaut's climate change prediction is coming true and it's going to cost Australia billions, experts warn".

From the article " The total cost of the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires was estimated at \$4.4 billion.

Conservative estimates put the final cost of the current Australian bushfires well into billions of dollars, while some analysts say it could cost the economy \$20 billion in lost output.

This was over 2 months ago. Fires were still raging then.

Economist says cost could hit \$3.5 billion

The head of economic analysis at SGS Economics and Planning, Terry Rawnsley, has done some early estimates on the economic cost of the bushfires.

Based on previous modelling of the Tathra fires in 2018, and taking account of \$700 million worth of insured losses, the economic fallout from the latest fires could be as high as \$3.5 billion, he said.

Between \$2 billion to \$3 billion includes the direct costs to fire-affected regions such as the loss of tourism and retail income, and the impact on agricultural production.

He predicts that some of the worst-affected communities will never fully recover.

And smoke haze in major capital cities could be an additional \$500 million drag on the economy."

SGS Economics now, 2 months later now predicts the cost to be \$4.4 billion.

How many bushfire effected people are still waiting for assistance, maybe 6 months after the event?

\$2billion seems a very small amount to cover the people and environment effected from South East Queensland, a significant area of Eastern NSW, Eastern Victoria, South Australia, including Kangaroo Island.

Yet it was no problem to announce \$20 billion for the Coronavirus epidemic?

Further, listening to 2GB, Tuesday March 10th, Bega MP Andrew Constance was speaking. He said he had heard from a Federal MP, some money designated for supporting the bushfire recovery will be diverted for the Federal Government Coronavirus policy.

If this is true it is a disgraceful thing to do. Only events in the headlines worth spending money on. It seems.

Please ask Minister Constance. Who has been really shocked by his close association with the fires.

I would think the bushfire recovery needs much more than \$2billion spent.

Maybe NSW too can stop spending and going well over budget on certain projects - sports stadiums, light rail, metro, moving the a PowerHouse Museum to a flood effected land near the Parramatta River.

To provide more recovery funds for victims - people and our native animal populations.

1.4 Any other matters

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