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**I am making this submission as** Primary producer

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**Submission type** Personal

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**Your story** I own 320 ha of property in the Maragle valley, Tumbarumba. I have lived here for forty years. I was impacted by the fires 3 times. On new years eve, where I lost a minor part of the property, on Saturday the 4th January where I managed to save the house, machinery shed, vineyard and about 15 ha of pasture. Everything else was devastated on that day. I was again threatened

the following Friday where I lost a bit more country and again the house was under threat. I border on what is now a nature reserve and a pine plantation which has been planted in the last 15 years. I am now 70 years of age. At the commencement of the fires my younger son was on his way from Brisbane, where he lives, to spend a couple of weeks with my grandkids at the farm. He left the children with friends at Temora and continued home. On the Saturday, when we were burnt out, there was only us two to defend the farm. There was no other assistance. If he wasn't already on his way there would have been only my wife (also 70) and I to defend our farm. There was no assistance from anybody, not National Parks, not the pine plantation people, not the RFS. It was pretty frightening and lonely. I cannot believe we were left to our own resources. Which brings us to the rebuild. While the Federal Grant of \$75K is very welcome, in my case, it goes nowhere near what's required to "get to full production" as is stated by the Prime Minister. In my case, it barely covers fencing materials alone, let alone labour to erect the fences, re sowing of pastures and agistment of breeding stock. Not to mention the likely scenario of no income from the vineyard because of smoke damage. Blaze Aid can only do so much. All in all, stress levels are through the roof. There is insufficient recovery assistance.

<b>1.1 Causes and contributing factors</b>	Fuel loads in the National Parkes. The last time there was a fuel reduction burn in a part of the park that adjoins me was in 1982. And the fact that pine plantations occur intermixed with agricultural areas. We've always said it was a disaster waiting to happen, and here we are.....
<b>1.2 Preparation and planning</b>	Reduce fuel loads!!!
<b>1.3 Response to bushfires</b>	The bushfire responses were under resourced in both man power and equipment.
<b>1.4 Any other</b>	Make more funds for recovery for primary

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producers. \$75K might sound a lot but in reality it is not. It's like being promised a sandwich and only getting two slices of bread.

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