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To: [Committee, Agriculture \(REPS\)](#)

To; The Agricultural and Water Resources Committee,

I am writing to you in reply to your call for responses from farmers regarding the Labor Government's "anti-farming" fire policies.

Our property "Waterview "near Injune, adjoins two National Parks, Lonesome and Beilba. Lightning strikes in our area lead to an out-of-control bushfire in Lonesome National Park that threatened our property and neighbours' over Christmas 2018.

Our neighbours fought the fire for two weeks over Christmas and lost 8000 acres. We believe this could have been prevented with sufficient firebreaks in the national park. The necessary control burning strategies employed by the National Parks were nonexistent, which led to neighbouring grazing properties being threatened and partially wiped out. The native flora and fauna were decimated. Regular burning to reduce fuel loads with fire breaks and roads would ensure greater accessibility to firefighters and volunteers should this happen again.

This uncontrolled fire is proof of the consequences of inadequate management in the National Park. It endangers lives and livelihoods. The Labor government needs to reconsider their policies on the management of National Parks, or there will be terrible repercussions.

These Parks are very under financed which leads to poor management. As property owners we believe there is a responsibility to manage country with sufficient watering points and burning to provide a better habitat for these animals. What has happened has been the exact opposite to what the Parks are trying to preserve.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kind regards,

Myriam Daley.