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Subject: Re: Accountability for extreme bushfire deaths

Hi Belinda Thanks for your message You might wish to further reply to the PM raising a matter in which he and the Parliament are directly involved and for which they provide significant funding which is in the Natural Disaster Fund agreement with each State whereby if a State Govt. declares a certain 'Natural' event a disaster then the Commonwealth agrees to pay 70% of the subsequent costs involved

Going back to my Ministerial days and since I have proposed that the terms of this agreement be altered to require that to receive this money **the State must first demonstrate that they have undertaken the necessary preventative action** to ensure the Disaster didn't occur and **which we all know means fuel reduction in the Forests**

As things stand it pays the States to ensure the fire or flood reaches disaster levels as they spend nothing on prevention and know that when the inevitable disaster arrives they can make a profit and run around distributing cheques to the afflicted using Federal Taxpayers money

The process I recommended was to operate the fund more along Insurance lines with annual inspections to give the State Agencies a pass in that they maintained their assets as 'A SAFE ENVIRONMENT' your group might offer to provide the volunteers to provide the inspection report

Considering his financial problems the PM could save a lot of money while the States caught up

For your consideration Wilson tuckey