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Federal Member for Eden-Monaro
 Chair, House of Representatives Standing
 Committee on Science and Innovation



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 future for
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Mr Bruce Mathie
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Dear Bruce

FORESTRY INDUSTRY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE GRANTS

I refer to the Forestry Industry Assistance Package (FISAP) Grants announced recently, in which you were awarded \$185,400 for the purchase of new mechanical harvesting equipment.

Unfortunately I regret I must advise that this grant has been rescinded. The Government is coming under increasing scrutiny from a Parliamentary Committee as a result of some injudicious pre-election grants. Officers of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries have reviewed all recent decisions in the light of this and as a consequence, your grant has been cancelled.

The Department has advised that where the recipient appears to already have ample means, grants should not proceed. The Howard Government has accepted this advice as being in the public interest.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 02 62973952 to discuss this at any time.

Yours sincerely

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