



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of the **Premier and Cabinet**
Emergency Recovery Management

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Mr John Harris
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Dear Mr Harris

The Minister for Planning, the Hon John Day MLA, has referred your email of 2 February 2016 to me for a response in my role as State Recovery Coordinator.

I extend to you my sincere sympathy for the loss of your home as a result of the bushfires.

While those who have never experienced such loss will never fully understand the anguish and devastation you must be experiencing, I can appreciate that such feelings would be further intensified by your uncertainty regarding what the future holds for Yarloop, which makes planning ahead very difficult.

As you may be aware, the Premier appointed a State Recovery Controller, Dr Ken Michael, to oversee the recovery process. There are a range of complex issues associated with progressing the recovery process for Yarloop, involving considerable consultation and investigation.

No pre-determined position has been established as to the future of Yarloop. An assessment of the likely future of Yarloop will be made after consulting property owners and residents regarding their intentions and aspirations, as well as liaising with the Shire of Harvey and other interest groups.

Thank you for your email and making your views known.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Hay', written over a horizontal line.

Bob Hay
STATE RECOVERY COORDINATOR