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MINISTER FOR WATER RESOURCES, DROUGHT, RURAL FINANCE,  
NATURAL DISASTER AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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Dear Ms McCarthy

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 November 2019 concerning the recent bushfires and for bringing to my attention the work of the National Pharmaceutical Services Association (NPSA) membership in supporting Australian communities during this very challenging time. I appreciate the time you have taken to bring this matter to my attention.

I am very encouraged to see the private sector working in such a collaborative and innovative way to ensure the supply chain of essential medical services through the provision of pharmaceuticals are reaching those most in need.

The Australian Government recently released the new National Disaster Risk Reduction Framework, which guides national, whole-of-society efforts to proactively reduce disaster risk in order to minimise the loss and suffering caused by natural hazards. Through this, the Government is working with its state, territory and local governments, industry and the community sector, to identify practical actions we all need to take across Australia to reduce disaster risk now and into the future.

It is through contributions like those of the NPSA members that strengthen the health and overall resilience of Australian communities and their ability to cope and recover from events like bushfires.

I look forward to hearing further examples of the strong sense of community spirit displayed by NPSA members.

Thank you for raising this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Littleproud', written in a cursive style.

DAVID LITTLEPROUD