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The Hon David Feeney MP Federal Member for Batman 159 High Street PRESTON VIC 3072

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Dear Mr Feeney,

Thank you for your letter of 24 October 2014 on behalf of Dr David Stephens of 104 Jaeger Circuit, Bruce, ACT, regarding potential bushfires on the Gallipoli peninsula in Turkey.

The management of the vegetation and forests on the Gallipoli peninsula is the responsibility of the relevant Turkish authorities.

The Australian and New Zealand Governments are working closely with the Turkish Government to manage arrangements for Anzac Day Gallipoli 2015. This will include any potential risk of bushfire, if it becomes an issue.

To assist the Turkish authorities the Australian Government has previously provided solar powered bushfire monitoring equipment in the former Gallipoli Peninsula Historical National Park.

Yours sincerely,

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