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Dear Denis,

I know it has been many months since the bushfires but I am writing to thank you for the support you showed us during what was certainly a harrowing and challenging time for us during the firestorms that ravaged Gippsland.

Now that the times of immediate impact have passed, we are settling into a long recovery phase that according to the experts will take years to achieve. To that end, the Diocese has employed a community development worker to work in the bushfire affected areas for the next two years.

To those of you who have contributed money to the Diocese to assist us in our ministry to those impacted by the bushfires, thank you very much. The money is contributing to our church's response to the devastation caused to people and property by the fires. Because of you, we are able to make a significant practical difference to the lives of people rebuilding lives and homes in the wake of this disaster.

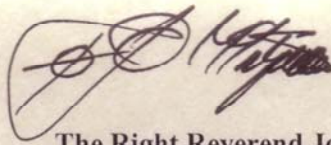
To those of you, who have prayed and continued to pray for us, thank you very much. Your prayers support the significant ministry offered to those people for whom we care in the name of Christ, not only throughout the immediate impact of the crisis they have experienced but also in the present and into the future.

To you all who took the time to be in touch with us to support us in our support of people hurting because of the fires, our

heartfelt thanks to you. Your support of us and those to whom we minister is appreciated and is an encouragement to us in our work in the bushfire-affected communities across Gippsland.

I apologise for the lack of a personal letter to each of you for your support but the large number of people who have been in touch with us meant a response by way of a circular letter of thanks was far more feasible. It in no way diminishes our appreciation of your ministry to us.

Grace and Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John McIntyre', written in a cursive style.

The Right Reverend John McIntyre
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