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GLENMORE – A Brief, Brief

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The Glenmore property is on the Western side of the Chadwick Downs aggregation of 4 adjoining farming properties of 5,000 ha or 12,000 acres.

The topography is wild and variable consisting of volcanic hills, valley bottoms and creek flats. There is a mixture of light soils and good heavy country. There is a 25% tree cover ratio on our properties.

Chadwick Downs run 2,000 pedigree Braford and Brangus cattle and sells bulls and females Australia wide. They also run a feedlot to supply beef to the European Union market. An AQIS approved semen and embryo collection centre is on-property that exports genetics worldwide. There is also a live cattle export quarantine facility at Barina

Senators are most welcome to visit these facilities which are accessed from the Bingle Grumble Road by the racecourse.

The 2013 fire came onto Glenmore from the West and following a near instant wind swing to the South, the fire storm came down the escarpment and took out the homestead, sheds, lucerne, 35 kms fences, equipment and most devastatingly killed 200 of our best young Brangus heifers with their calves.

The full description is contained in my submission to the Committee.

The ongoing issues are with the plethora of poisonous weeds that emerged post fire and have taken over the denuded hill sides. Stock deaths have occurred. There has been a real problem replanting crops and grasses with very low germination on the burnt ground.

The clearing of dead and dangerous trees is an ongoing time and expense exercise. Some \$100,000 of bull dozer time is expected to be the cost.

The 18 earth dams on Glenmore were affected and filled with black silt after the first rain post fire. Some had more that 2 meters of silt in them and thus causing us to go dry in the latter part of 2013. Cleaning of 10 dams has cost \$48,000 so far. Over summer we had to cart thousands and thousands of liters of water for the cattle on Glenmore.

The house site remains vacant. We neither have the money to rebuild nor the inclination to make a new capital investment until the National Park management issues are sorted out. The risk-benefit exercise doesn't look great.

Our farm equipment is sitting outside in the weather. The 2 big sheds are gone. Too much red tape and Council fees involved to rebuild the sheds that we need for the equipment and hay storage.

We have rammed in 1,300 wooden posts and strainers, used 14,000 steel posts and 180 kms of wire in refencing with still another 8 kms to go.

As stated in our submission, our fences and cattle were subject to averaging by the insurance folks and we receive but 24% of our actual losses by way of a settlement.

Thankyou for visiting Glenmore, we trust that the next time you visit it will be back in full pre-fire working condition.

Stephen & Elaine Lill