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To Whom It May Concern:

I own a property in North West Victoria, which is located in the Gannawarra Shire, where we are facing yet another tough year. I believe that currently it is worse here in this area than last year, at least we could cut hay with our crops at this stage last year. At the moment the crops are not sufficient enough to cut for hay.

Being a member of The Gannawarra Shire Drought Advisory Committee, I receive a lot of request for Shire Rate Subsidy's, by at least 50 percent to help ease our burden.

I would also like to see Interest Rate Subsidy's for at least another 12 months, to see what the year 2009 brings to us.

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