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Comments:

We are a remote 4star guest house with easy access to East Gippsland's wilderness.

We wish to commend the way the 2007 Alpine Fire was handled in relation to recovery for the tourism industry.

We were totally surrounded by fire and closed for over a month. Our prime time bookings were all cancelled by us due to the danger. Our main attraction - the natural environment - was severely burned.

In spite of this, the combined efforts of all government bodies had our roads usable, our walking paths cleared, our spirits lifted and our product promoted with such success that we have had the best year's takings we have ever experienced. Although some of this was due to a new niche market at least 25% of our increase was as a direct result of the enormous effort taken by government on our behalf.

Thank you.

it is our hope that a similar strategy can be developed to help the Lakes areas when they are effected by blue green algae - the media regarding such outbreaks is most unsuitable and has a very damaging result for the bulk of our tourism businesses.

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