



Bushfire information

The Council to Homeless Persons extends our sympathy to those whose lives have been affected by the devastating Victorian bushfires.

We acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of our members, partner organisations and people working in the homelessness sector, and the volunteers, emergency workers and members of the community who have generously contributed their time, resources, skills and expertise to the thousands of Victorians made homeless by the fires.

We continue to advocate strongly on behalf of all Victorians experiencing homelessness, and the homelessness sector workers and service providers who support and assist those people to find safe, affordable and appropriate places to live.

For assistance and information relating to the bushfires:

- Department of Human Services <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au/emergency/current-events/bushfire>
- Victorian Council to Social Services (VCOSS) bushfires information website includes information on donating to bushfire appeals, volunteering and support available for those affected by the bushfires
<http://www.vcoss.org.au/documents/VCOSS%20docs/Emergency%20Relief/firesFeb09.html>
- Department of Education: for a list of government schools affected by bushfires.
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/>
- Victorian Bushfire Hotline: 1800 240 667
- Victorian Bushfire Legal Help line: 1800 113 432
- Rural Support Line (24 hour): 1300 655 969
- ABC Bushfire news website: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/events/bushfires/>