

# Bushfire relief: How you can help those in need



The national bushfire crisis has brought a bleak start to the new year for many Australians who have had their homes destroyed, family members lost, jobs gone and are experiencing significant dislocation. Many of those on the front line of the crisis are trade union members and their families. The Australian trade union movement stands in solidarity with affected communities.

Many of you having been asking how we can help. Right now, the best way that we can assist is by donating money to the Australian Red Cross, Victorian Bushfire Appeal or the ACTU bushfire relief fund. The ACTU Bushfire Relief fund has been established to especially provide support to union members who may need support beyond that available generally.

[DONATE TO RED CROSS](#) or [DONATE TO ACTU BUSHFIRE RELIEF](#)

For members in Victoria, please also consider donating to the [Victorian Government Bushfire Disaster Appeal](#).

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The fire affected communities will also need practical assistance with rebuilding after this immediate crisis and therefore we are also collecting a list of people who can help.

Can you help build a fence, cook and serve food, handle hazardous material, drive a bus/truck or volunteer your time? Fill out this short form and we will contact you when the need has been identified.

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