



Media Release

# Darwin City Council

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## VICTORIA FIRE APPEAL

The Darwin City Council is saddened by the tragic events that unfolded in Victoria over the last few days. Our sympathy is with the family and friends of those touched by this tragedy.

Today Victorian Premier John Brumby launched the 2009 Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund in partnership with the Australian Government and Red Cross to support communities impacted by devastating fires which have ravaged many parts of Victoria.

Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer says many people in Darwin have a connection with the people of Victoria and urged Darwin residents to get behind the appeal. He Said "The fires in Victoria are an unfolding tragedy that has touched so many lives. The best way to help is to give to this appeal and let established agencies like Red Cross get on with the job of relief. I also remind people that giving blood is a practical way you can help."

Donations can be made on-line <http://www.redcross.org.au> or call toll free number 1800 811 700.

Donations can also be made at the NAB, ANZ, Commonwealth bank branches or at Bunning's Stores.

The Darwin City Council will continue to monitor the situation and assist where possible.

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