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# **LA TROBE TO BENEFIT FROM BUSHFIRE MITIGATION BOOST**

The Federal Coalition Government and State Government recently announced \$850,000 in funding for projects that will enhance bushfire mitigation in Victoria.

The funding will be provided under the Commonwealth's \$15 million National Bushfire Mitigation Programme to better prepare communities from the threat of bushfires.

"Bushfires are an all too real possibility in La Trobe, and our local community knows the effect they can have not just on our homes and people, but also our wildlife" said Member for La Trobe, Jason Wood MP.

"That is why we are working together to ensure that our communities are disaster prepared and disaster resilient.

"This Programme allows us to identify projects that are essential to mitigating the severity and impact of bushfires while giving communities the capability to safely respond to them."

The projects to be funded over 2016/17 includes:

- Construction of fire breaks and fire access tracks around rural townships and cities;
- Fuel management activities;
- Water supply security improvements;
- Programs to test and improve fire readiness; and
- An arson prevention program

"This program compliments the Dandenong Ranges Environment and Bushfire Fuel Reduction Community Grants Program work that has been done locally in the recent past" said Jason Wood MP.

The Australian Government partners with all states and territories through the National Bushfire Mitigation Programme to build on existing bushfire management practices and implement strategies to address bushfire risk.

From this funding, \$150,000 will be provided to Victoria to purchase and install 10 automatic fire danger rating signs that will advise people in local areas of current fire danger ratings.

For a full list of 2016-17 successful recipients please visit [www.emv.vic.gov.au/how-we-help](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au/how-we-help) . For further information please refer to the Emergency Management Victoria website at [www.emv.vic.gov.au](http://www.emv.vic.gov.au).