

Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal

The Uniting Church has launched a Tasmanian Bushfire Disaster Appeal to assist people affected by the bushfires which burnt through parts of Tasmania in early 2013 and continue to be of serious concern.

More than 250 properties have been affected and \$40 million of insurance claims have already been lodged. Whilst police said that 100 people were originally listed as missing, this number is being reduced as people are found safe.

UnitingCare Tasmania director Lindy O'Neill said that the effect of the fires had been devastating.

"Many people have lost everything – their houses, clothes, cars and pets – and need financial and material aid. They also need understanding, empathy and emotional support to help them overcome this absolute tragedy."

The Tasmanian State Government's emergency disaster plan allocates roles to various community service providers with the Red Cross acting as the lead agency for the collection and dispersal of emergency funds.

Funds from the Uniting Church appeal will be directed to Red Cross Australia, but people wishing to support bushfire response ministries within Tasmania can direct their funds for this purpose.

Donations over \$2 made to the Tasmania Bushfire Appeal will be tax deductible and receipted by the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. 100% of donations will be allocated to the disaster relief effort.

Yes! I want to help! Tasmanian Bushfire Appeal

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I wish to make a contribution to the Tasmanian Bushfire Disaster Appeal.	
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$\hfill \square$ I would like my gift to be directed towards bush	hfire relief ministries within Tasmania
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Please return your completed form to:

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