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PAUL RAMSAY FOUNDATION: \$30M FOR COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRE

The Paul Ramsay Foundation expresses its sympathy and support for the families, communities, firefighters, emergency workers and other service providers who have been so profoundly affected by this national tragedy.

Today the Foundation set aside \$30 million to support communities affected by the bushfires.

An initial \$3 million will be provided to the Red Cross, the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal and St Vincent de Paul for immediate relief efforts with the remaining funding allocated to longer-term work with disadvantaged communities.

The CEO of the Paul Ramsay Foundation, Professor Glyn Davis AC said that these funds aim to assist communities to rebuild long after the initial crisis.

“We are in this together. The Foundation is acutely aware that it is those already vulnerable to entrenched disadvantage who will be hardest hit by the consequences of the current bushfires.”

Responding to these fires and rebuilding communities requires a national effort.

The Foundation will consult extensively with communities, government and our NGO peers to ensure these funds are most effectively allocated to rebuild our regional communities.

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Paul Ramsay Foundation

The Paul Ramsay Foundation seeks to identify and partner with individuals, communities and organisations working to create an Australia where people can overcome disadvantage and realise their potential.

The late Paul Ramsay AO established the Foundation in 2006 and, after his death in 2014, left the majority of his estate to continue his philanthropy for generations to come.

His commitment to good works has allowed the Paul Ramsay Foundation to support the for-purpose sector with grants of more than \$200 million made since 2016 to more than 70 different partners, committed as we are to achieving lasting change.