



## COMMONWEALTH BANK REFINES ASSISTANCE PACKAGE FOR VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

**13 February 2009:** The Commonwealth Bank today announced that it has enhanced its emergency assistance package for the victims of the Victorian bushfires.

Ross McEwan, the Bank's Group Executive Retail Banking Services said he was shocked at the extent of the devastation and its impact on the Bank's customers and the general community during a visit to the affected areas yesterday.

"As the full impact of the bushfires continues to emerge for these communities, we need to refine our assistance package so that we continue to provide strong support to our customers," Mr McEwan said.

For this reason, the Commonwealth Bank will provide its home and business loan customers affected by the bushfires with immediate cash assistance where the loans are secured with the Commonwealth Bank. The Bank will provide \$10,000 where their home or business premises are totally destroyed and \$5,000 where their home or business premises are partially destroyed.

As well as its assistance package, the Commonwealth Bank has donated \$1.1 million to the Victorian Premier's appeal and the Commonwealth Bank Bushfire Appeal has raised over \$20 million to rebuild the communities affected.

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