

Important Bushfires Update

Dear Member,

A State of Emergency has been declared for NSW by the State Government for the next 7 days due to the bushfires.

The fires on the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast have been devastating and heartbreaking for the community our members are a part of.

Due to the catastrophic fire risk, many schools across NSW and that are located in high risk areas will be closed tomorrow. This covers a broad range of areas across the state including parts of Sydney, the Central Coast, Upper Hunter and Blue Mountains in addition to the areas already impacted by the devastating fires.

We wish to remind HSU Members of the following leave available to an employee in a case of pressing necessity, those required to care for children, and for those of our members who are RFS and SES volunteers.

- FACS leave is available where an employee is unable to attend work because of adverse weather conditions which either prevent attendance or threaten life or property.
- FACS leave is also available if an employee needs to look after their children.
- Special Leave is available for those who are emergency service volunteers. The Special leave is capped at 5 days every 12 months unless they are working in a natural disaster zone, in which case there is no limit.

If it's unsafe to get to work, don't risk it.

If members need any further assistance, please contact 1300 478 679.

In unity,



Gerard Hayes
Secretary, HSU NSW/ACT/QLD