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Support for bushfire-declared communities

Today the Minister for Education, the Hon Dan Tehan MP [announced](#) a range of measures to support families in bushfire-declared communities. This includes additional mental health support and additional support for early childhood education and care.

On 15 January 2020, the Prime Minister also [announced](#) that families will receive an extra \$400 for each child aged under 16 that is eligible for the Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment.

For more information on these new assistance measures visit: education.gov.au/support-bushfire-affected-communities.

Updated emergency and natural disasters assistance webpage

Since we launched the emergency and natural disasters assistance [webpage](#) last week, we have added where to find air quality information in each state and territory as well as the new Community Child Care Fund phone number (1300 650 848).

We will continue to add further information and resources as it becomes available.

The emergency and natural disasters assistance [webpage](#) includes useful information and links on relevant topics, including:

- what is a local emergency
- assistance for providers and services
- reporting requirements and additional absences
- service closures, and
- assistance for families.

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