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“Timber Workers – Essential part of fire fighting team”

Timber Communities Australia (TCA) the national grassroots support group for timber workers, their families and timber communities applauds the mighty efforts of the fire fighting team in Victoria as they put their lives on the line to save many rural communities.

In these dreadful times, in the heat of summer, when bush fires run across our land, it is wonderful that we have so many men and women who put their lives at risk to save our communities and our natural resources.

Many of these fire fighters are timber workers or people who have been brought up with an appreciation for well managed forests. They have a love of the bush and are prepared to help their fellow man whenever needed.

THIS IS THE TRUE AUSSIE SPIRIT.

TCA has many members out fighting fires and our thoughts and prayers are with them. They are working as part of an unbelievable team comprising of DSE, CFA and of course timber workers all doing a job they specialise in. DSE take the lead role coordinating efforts in fire fighting, specialising in back burning and fire suppression on public land. The CFA of course are the experts at protecting private properties and communities from being ravaged by fire.

Timber workers are an essential part to this fire fighting team as they are the expert operators on their heavy machinery putting in fire breaks and operating of the front line of the fire pushing in tracks. All together they make a powerful team and we are all very proud of their efforts. Currently there is 37 dozers fighting fires in Victoria's forests and many of these are provided by logging contractors with experienced operators.

“As Australia Day approaches all these people are the heroes that we adore and will be thinking of.” said Kersten Gentle, Victorian State Manager of Timber Communities Australia.

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