



# Media Release

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## **DONATIONS – TENTERFIELD’S FIRE EMERGENCY**

Impacted communities around Tenterfield and Drake have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness shown during this difficult time. As emergency food, bottled water and clothing is being provided, please **DO NOT** donate goods.

Our experience with emergencies shows that donations of money, where possible, help affected communities recover sooner. This is because people can make their own choices – including the purchase of goods they need for their own families.

Donations can be made to BlazeAid, an organization of wonderful volunteers who help rebuild and repair fences, posts, water tanks, etc and your kind donation will help buy the materials to assist our affected farmers and their families.

Please go to the BlazeAid website to make your kind donation to support this cause.

“I understand that many people in the community, want to assist, and I sincerely thank them, but please do not donate items such as goods and clothing as it becomes totally unmanageable, commits unnecessary resources, quickly snowballs, and creates problems during the recovery stage,” said Mayor Peter Petty.

“Purchase of our local *Why Leave Town* gift cards which will aid in supporting our local businesses, and financial donations, can be made to the Salvation Army who are co-ordinating the response/assistance,” the Mayor added.

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