

PLANNED BURNS - ADVICE
EAST GIPPSLAND AREA
Wednesday, 3 August 2011 0900hrs
(Expires Friday August 5 1200hrs)

The Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) and Parks Victoria advise that planned burning will be occurring in the following area today, weather and fuel moisture conditions permitting:

- Cobbannah – Brittle Gum: Edge-lighting of a 971 hectare fuel reduction burn, 20 kilometres north-east of Briagolong to prepare the burn area for completion when weather conditions are more favourable. The burn borders the Bairnsdale-Dargo Road between Davey Knob Road and Brittle Gum Track near Cobbannah, so there will be smoke affecting the road today. Signs will be in place to slow traffic and drivers are reminded to turn on their headlights in smoky conditions.

Smoke may be visible in the following locations as well as from surrounding areas:

Castleburn, Cobbannah, Treasures, Glenaladale

What to do

- If you are experiencing any symptoms that may be due to smoke exposure, the Department of Health advises people seek medical advice or call Nurse on Call on 1300 606 024.

Additional Information

Road Users

- Road travel may be hazardous due to low visibility associated with smoke;
- Signs may be in place to slow traffic. Obey all traffic signs and instructions from fire agency crews near the burn.
- For road closures check www.vicroads.vic.gov.au
- Access to walking tracks, car parks, camping grounds and picnic sites in areas close to or in burn areas may be restricted.

Smoke and your home

- Close windows and doors to prevent smoke from entering.
- Avoid hanging washing out.

Stay Informed

- Information on planned burns in Victoria is available on DSE's website www.dse.vic.gov.au
- Or call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line (VBIL) on freecall 1800 240 667 or visit [Callers who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment can call textphone/telewriter \(TTY\) on 1800 122 969.](#)
- Keep informed by listening to ABC Local Radio, commercial and designated community radio stations or watching Sky News TV.

Authorisation

Approved by Area Duty Officer, Anthony Costigan.