

SMOKE BLANKETS OUTER WESTERN SUBURBS

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Residents in Melbourne's west are being urgently warned as thick smoke from an out-of-control bushfire in the Grampians National Park rapidly spreads across the region.

A meteorologist from the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) confirmed the smoke, with its distinctive hue, is moving swiftly through the area.

The fire is quickly advancing northeast towards Mt William, and authorities are strongly urging people in nearby areas to evacuate immediately before conditions worsen.

Multiple fires are burning uncontrollably across the state, with the Grampians blaze causing catastrophic damage, having already burned through 17,000 hectares since Wednesday.

Residents in Ballan are urgently sounding alarms on social media, and the local fireys are warning of the dire impact of the bushfire. "Please be aware that there is significant smoke in the area coming from the Grampians fire," Ballan Fire Brigade posted on Facebook.

A leave now order is in place for residents in Bullengarook and Halls Gap, and an Emergency Warning has been issued for Bullengarook, Bullengarook East, Gisborne, Lerderderg, and Macedon. Firefighters are battling to control the raging fire at Coffeys Rd, Bullengarook.

The fire is rapidly advancing from Coffeys Road in a northeasterly direction toward Ashbourne. Residents are urged to take action now.

