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Australia has been devastated by ongoing bushfires. Here's how you can help

A rescued koala nestling in a firefighter's jacket, the tears of a woman whose entire home has been burnt to the ground, the fierce red sky glowering above people sheltering near the sea for safety: the images we've seen in recent weeks of the bushfires burning in Australia have become indelible in our minds.

Catalysed by record-high temperatures and the country's worst drought in decades, the bushfires have been blazing

since September and the end is not yet in sight. More than 6 million hectares of land have been scorched, 100,000 people have been evacuated and at least 25 have been killed, including three volunteer firefighters. A passionate discussion about the climate crisis has become more urgent than ever as we confront the conditions that have caused this devastation and the deaths of an estimated one billion animals.

Australian celebrities including Kylie Minogue, Margot Robbie and Nicole Kidman have all donated to vital emergency services and humanitarian organisations. But even if you

don't have millions to give, you can still make a difference.

FUND THE FIREFIGHTERS

The Rural Fire Service in New South Wales is facing the worst of the fires. The best way to help is to donate money online (rfs.nsw.gov.au/volunteer/support-your-local-brigade). Fire services in Victoria (cfa.vic.gov.au/donate1) and South Australia (cfsfoundation.org.au/donate) are also in urgent need of funds.

SUPPORT THOSE AFFECTED

The Australian Red Cross is offering refuge and grants to

those who have fled the fires and their homes. They are currently working across 69 evacuation and recovery centres, and need donations to its disaster relief and recovery fund to continue providing support (fundraise.redcross.org.au/drr).

SAVE THE ANIMALS

It is estimated that millions more animals could lose their lives by the time the fires are finally extinguished. WIRES is an organisation that rescues and rehabilitates injured and orphaned animals. They are taking donations on their Facebook page and at wires.org.au/donate/emergency-fund.

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