

Support for businesses affected by recent bushfires

The NSW Small Business Commissioner is here to help

We understand this is a difficult time. To help those affected by recent bushfires we are providing practical support to businesses in a number of ways.

Tax help

If you have been affected by the bushfires you don't need to worry about your tax affairs right away. The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) will give you time to deal with your more immediate problems first and can help you to sort out your tax affairs later.

Depending on your circumstance, the following assistance may be available to you:

- more time to lodge, pay and respond
- early access to your money
- assistance payments
- help with damaged or destroyed property
- reconstructing your tax records
- fuel tax credits for individuals, businesses and others
- donations to assist disaster victims.

For more information:

- visit www.ato.gov.au/individuals/dealing-with-disasters
- call the ATO on 13 28 66

Business advice

Business Connect can provide you with two free independent and confidential business advice sessions.

Call 1300 134 359 to speak to your local advisor or visit www.industry.nsw.gov.au/businessconnect

Speaking up for small business

The Office of the NSW Small Business Commissioner is able to help any businesses having issues accessing support, or feel they are being treated unfairly.

Call 1300 795 534 or email we.assist@smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au

More information: www.smallbusiness.nsw.gov.au