

# EPA Media Release



## Immediate smoke impacts alert – EPA advice

**1630hrs Wednesday 26 February 2014**

EPA Victoria has warned of immediate, severe smoke impacts at Morwell and significant smoke impacts at Traralgon as a result of the Hazelwood open cut mine fire.

Visibility will be dramatically reduced due to high particle concentrations in the air, and residents are warned to go indoors and close doors and windows.

The Chief Health Officer advises that excessive smoke levels can not only aggravate existing heart or lung conditions, but may also cause members of the community to experience irritated eyes, coughing or wheezing.

Anyone with concerns about their health should seek medical advice or call NURSE-ON-CALL on [1800 60 60 24](tel:1800606024).

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