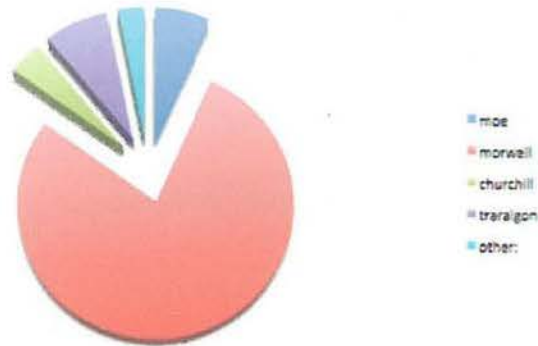


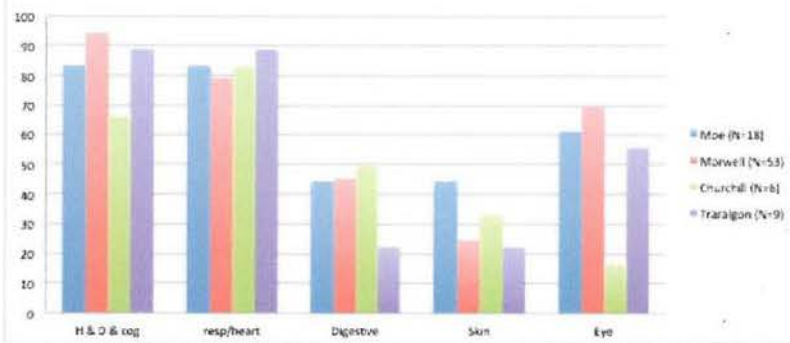
## V.O.T.V. Heath snapshot done 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Respondents x location (res)



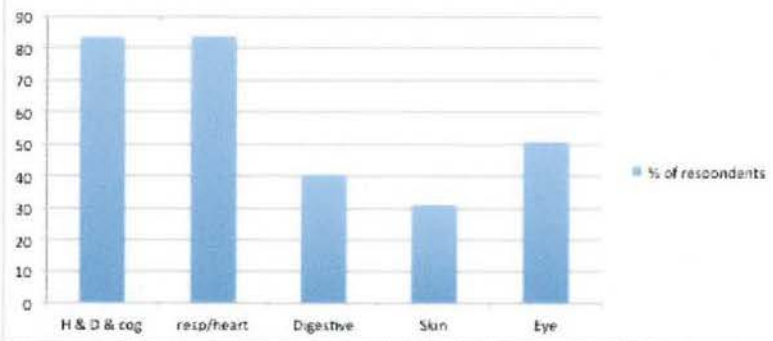
Respondents to survey are from a wide area across the Latrobe Valley and some beyond.

Location x Symptoms, ( % of respondents )

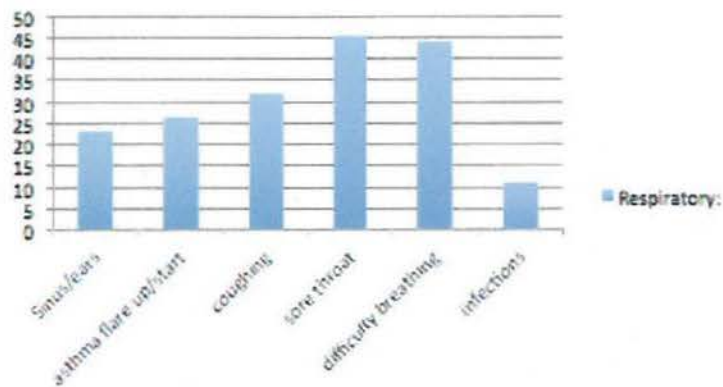


Symptoms shown are the same across the whole surveyed population. All were affected in the same way, though number of affected respondents varied with location.

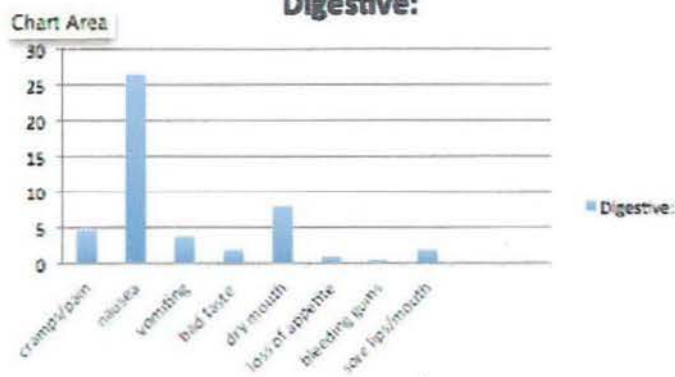
Reported symptoms



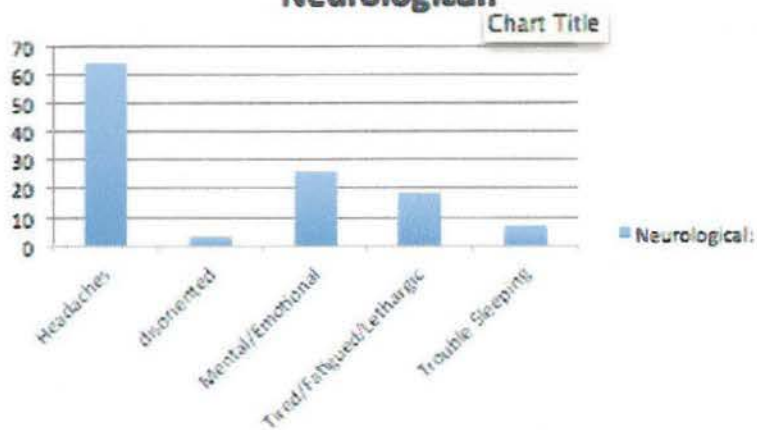
### Respiratory:



### Digestive:



### Neurological:



## Notes:-

All these symptoms are typical of exposure to the hazardous, toxic and carcinogenic substances listed by the EPA in the smoke and ash. For some of the materials there is no safe levels, many have long term health effects that will take years to develop, many are developmental in pregnant women and growing children

We can expect an increase in infertility, birth defects, developmental difficulties and learning disorders. We can also expect an increase in pulmonary vascular disease, cancers such as lung and nose. Blood and lymphatic cancers, nervous system damage, heavy metal poisoning. There will be impacts on the liver and kidneys. The list goes on and is there for anyone with google to see if they compare what is in the smoke and ash, with the effects of exposure to these.

The measures of hazards on the EPA site were deceptive as they compared against levels used in soil contaminants (HIL's) and not suitable for dust that is already inside the house, ceiling and soft furniture.

We need more than a 10 year study to count how many of us die, using a sample so small, over such a short period that it absolves the Government and the industry from responsibilities.

**A health study, not a death study.**

*We need them to assess how many of us have been sick, what we have been sick with and how widespread the effects have been. We then need our health monitored over a long time and see what treatments are useful in treating the long term effects and document these.*

It is imperative that :-

The control group for the study is not from the Latrobe Valley as all in the Valley have been in some way affected.

The study is funded sufficiently and over a sufficiently long term to achieve offsets in health outcomes for the affected population. ( Eg \$5m over 20 years )