

RADIO SCRIPTS – HAZELWOOD MINE FIRE – REVISED 19 MARCH
To run on 50/50 rotation

1. HEALTH ADVICE

The Chief Health Officer has lifted the temporary relocation advice, and people can now return to their homes and workplaces.

The EPA will continue to monitor air quality in the Latrobe Valley.

Anyone with an existing lung condition should avoid cleaning up ash.

The ash isn't a health concern, but ash can irritate eyes, nose and throat.

For health information visit **health.vic.gov.au**. [pronunciation: HEALTH DOT VIC DOT GOV DOT A – U]

For cleanup information, contact the Latrobe City Council on **1800 017 777**

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2. CLEANING UP ASH

Before cleaning up ash, make sure you're properly prepared.

Material in the ash is similar to what is in the soil in your garden.

Ash can be dug into your garden, added to compost or placed in a plastic bag in your household garbage bin.

Ash particles are too big to be breathed deep into the lungs, however if you have a lung condition you may be more sensitive to ash that is stirred up into the air. Ash can irritate eyes, skin and throat so follow the advice about cleaning up.

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