

VICTORIA'S BUSHFIRE DISASTER



TOUCHED: Action Tanks Noosaville's Jemma Haydon, Paul Bensley and Sally Walker with some of the tanks they are donating to Victorian bushfire victims.

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Eight tanks on way south

ASH in the atmosphere has made fresh drinking water hard to come by in fire-ravaged parts of Victoria.

After seeing footage of the small community of Flowerdale struggling without water, Randall Crisp, the managing director of Action Tank Industries, was moved. He decided to send eight water tanks down to help.

"The tanks are being driven down next week and we hope

they will make a big difference. They will be used to hold drinking water for people and livestock," Mr Crisp said.

"Falling ash has drastically decreased water quality and the water from tanks still standing is undrinkable. So is the water from dams.

"The tanks we're sending have a retail value of about \$10,000 and are fitted with a child safety insert and bucket

taps. Donating these is the least we can do to help make the lives of those who've lost everything a bit easier."

The Noosaville company employs 40 people, many of whom have direct links to areas the bushfires hit.

"The fires have been a real talking point at work and have touched us all. It's great being able to do something that will help," Mr Crisp said.

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