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Fodder and feed into the Upper Murray

Fodder and other stock feed, as well as fuel and milk collection are a priority need in the burnt out areas of the Upper Murray region.

A convoy of more than 40 trucks including B-doubles, semi-trailers and smaller vehicles went into the Upper Murray this morning (Tuesday) carrying fodder and feed for fire-affected farmers throughout the district.

Much of this fodder has been donated by farmers and feed suppliers across Victoria, southern NSW and South Australia.

All fodder and other stock feed is being sent in specific convoys formed at the Upper Murray Fire Fodder Logistics Coordination Point at Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve.

Towong Shire Council advises all loads of fodder to go to the Upper Murray must travel as part of an escorted convoy, as organised by the Incident Control Centre. This includes loads that have been privately arranged and paid for by landholders, and the loads of donated hay.

Deliveries are being made to both individual properties and to community storage points throughout the district, where it will be distributed as needed to any fire-affected landholder.

Convoys will be travelling into the area on Wednesday 8 January. To join a convoy please be at the Upper Murray Fire Fodder Logistics Coordination Point at Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve, Lockhart’s Gap Road, Sandy Creek, as early as possible - preferably by 7:00am. Convoys will be allocated upon arrival.

Anyone wishing to donate hay, silage, lucerne or other stock feed can take it to the Upper Murray Fire Fodder Logistics Coordination Point at Sandy Creek Recreation Reserve, where it will be securely stored until it can be transported into the fire-affected area. Donations can be received at any time. You will be asked to supply details of the source, type and quantity of feed.

For any further information, please contact Towong Shire Council on 6071 5100.