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Your Excellency,

On behalf of the City Council and people of Preston I wish to express our sympathy to all Australians who are suffering as a result of the bush fires which are having such a devastating impact through the loss of human life, homes, communities, livelihoods and wildlife.

I send our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have tragically lost their lives and acknowledge the strength and resilience of the Australian people, so many of whom are familiar with the effects of natural disasters.

I would also like to express admiration for those who have endured months of danger and exhausting work undertaken in dealing with the fires. I send our best wishes to the emergency services, volunteers and the military who are working so hard to deal with the impacts of the fires and seeking to contain the spread of the fires.

I will continue to keep the people of Australia in our thoughts.

Yours faithfully,

*Councillor David Borrow*

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