



# waterwatch

**needs you...**

**to help monitor the ecological affects of bushfires on our waterways**

In January 2003, bushfires scorched around 70% of the ACT and impacted huge areas across the Upper Murrumbidgee catchment.

As a response to these events Waterwatch in collaboration with the Cooperative Research Centre for Freshwater Ecology (CRCFE) is initiating a community assessment monitoring program for impacted river ecology to be known as **CAMPFIRE.**

'Campfire' sets out to develop a coordinated community monitoring network that focuses on answering the following questions:

- how have urban and rural streams been affected by fire in their catchments?;
- how long will it take for streams to recover from such impacts?;
- what are the implications for stream ecology?;
- what are the implications for human uses?; and
- what are the implications for stream rehabilitation programs?

**Joining Campfire is easy.**

We provide water quality monitoring equipment and training. You do the footwork and sampling.

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Waterwatch is a community water quality monitoring program that brings people together from all parts of the community to educate, monitor, restore and protect our waterways.