# Call for Papers Concerning the Canterbury Wildfires

In February this year, the Canterbury region of New Zealand suffered a series of potentially devastating wildfires. Over 1000 households fled the blazes while hundreds of firefighters, military and other emergency personnel responded. Fifteen aircraft equipped with monsoon buckets were deployed in what became a major operation for the region’s emergency services.

Lessons can be learned from this wildfire event to help authorities and communities to better prepare for, respond to, and recover from future wildfire threats as climate change raises the stakes for at-risk regions in Australasia.

A special issue of the *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies* will bring together accounts related to the Canterbury wildfires from researchers, responders and residents. These accounts will include social aspects of the wildfires but this is by no means a limitation on manuscript topics. The resulting special issue will be published online, with open access at no cost to authors or readers.

The timetable for contributions is:

01/12/2017 Identification of interest deadline (using the form attached)

01/05/2018 Manuscript submission deadline

01/10/2018 Initial advice to authors

01/12/2018 Revision deadline

01/04/2019 - Publication of the special issue of the *Australasian Journal of Disaster and Trauma Studies*

All manuscripts should be prepared and submitted according to the requirements described at: <http://trauma.massey.ac.nz/info/submissions.html>

All submissions will still be subject to our standard blind peer review process. Guest Editors, Jim McLennan and Lisa Langer, will assist.

If you have questions or ideas for contributions that you would like to discuss, please contact the Managing Editor, Thomas Huggins, at [trauma@massey.ac.nz](mailto:trauma@massey.ac.nz)

**Identification of Interest for AJDTS Special Issue: Canterbury Wildfires**

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Type of Manuscript (highlight one): Research Paper Research Update

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