

**COMFORTDELGRO SETS UP FUND TO SUPPORT  
AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY BUSHFIRES**

6 January 2020 – ComfortDelGro Corporation, which has extensive operations in Australia, has established a fund with an initial injection of A\$250,000 to assist employees and members of its community affected by the Australian bushfires.

Called the CDC We Care Fund, it will be used to assist in fire-fighting efforts and support families with immediate housing and living needs. In addition, ComfortDelGro Corporation Australia (CDC) employees who have had to evacuate and/or lose their homes as a result of the bushfires are eligible for individual grants to assist them with short-term financial needs.

The Fund, which will have an initial injection of A\$250,000, has been set up to reflect CDC's ethos of linking people, places and communities. It will be administered by CDC which operates commuter, school and coach bus services and non-emergency patient transport in New South Wales and the Australia Capital Territory, Victoria, Northern Territory and Queensland, as well as taxi services in Western Australia and Victoria.

In addition, CDC is also supporting fire-fighting efforts by providing paid leave and transport services to emergency service volunteers, as well as offering employee assistance counselling services to staff affected by the fires and their families.

ComfortDelGro Managing Director/Group CEO, Mr Yang Ban Seng, said: "We have been following closely the situation in Australia and are saddened by the tragic loss of life, both human and wildlife, as well as the impact on the environment. Having been operating in Australia since 2005, we are a part of the community and we could not watch idly by. The CDC We Care Fund is being set up not just for staff who have been affected, but for the many Australians who have lost their homes too."

CDC CEO, Mr Nicholas Yap, added: "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and communities who are affected by the bushfire crisis. At this difficult time, we are keen to do

what we can to help the families in need. Our special thank you goes to the emergency services and those who put their own lives in danger to help communities in need.”

CDC operates commuter bus services in NSW, Victoria and Queensland which have been badly hit by bushfires. Thus far, none of its bus commuter services have been affected. The Group’s depots are also located in industrial areas where there is insufficient natural fuel and have low to moderate exposure to bushfire risk.

Said Mr Yap: “We can never leave anything to chance and have in place an evacuation plan for each depot that includes emergency protocol such as where staff and buses are to be relocated for operations to continue. We continue to monitor the situation and are working closely with the Authorities to ensure the safety of our staff and commuters.”

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## **Background**

ComfortDelGro is one of the world's largest land transport companies with a total fleet size of over 41,600 buses, taxis and rental vehicles. We also run 83km of light and heavy rail networks in Singapore. Our global operations span seven countries – Singapore, Australia, China, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Vietnam and Malaysia.

In Australia, ComfortDelGro's wholly owned subsidiary, ComfortDelGro Corporation Australia (CDC), is one of the largest land transport operators with operations in six States and Territories, employing over 4,000 staff. CDC operates public and charter bus services in New South Wales (CDC NSW), Victoria (CDC Victoria), the Australian Capital Territory (QCity Transit), the Northern Territory and Queensland (Buslink). Other parts of its businesses include a taxi network service provider (Swan Taxis) based in Perth, non-emergency patient transport services (National Patient Transport) in Victoria, New South Wales and Western Australia as well as an outdoor advertising company (Moove Media Australia) based in Victoria and New South Wales.

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