# media release

SA Country Fire Service

# Wirrabara fire smoke over Highway One

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The Wirrabara Forest fire is generating thick and hazardous smoke as it continues to burn slowly in a southerly direction in isolated and inaccessible terrain about 25 kilometres north-east of Port Pirie.

The smoke is affecting the surrounding area including some parts of Highway One which may reduce the visibility of motorists who are advised to drive with caution.

Residents in the area are also advised to close doors and windows until the smoke passes.

While the CFS is aware of smoke in the area, it does advise residents that should they observe a fire burning unattended to call Triple Zero immediately.

CFS Regional Commander Bluey Devine said the fire continues to burn with small isolated outbreaks in steep and inaccessible parts of the forest.

“The fire edge is burning near several tracks which has prompted the closure of walking trails within the Wirrabara Forest,” Mr Devine said.

“This includes the closure of the Heysen and Mawson Trail tracks which means there will be no access to these areas while the bushfire continues to burn.”

The fire is posing no threat to lives, property or infrastructure.

About 120 firefighters from the CFS, DENR and ForestrySA with support from fire fighting aircraft have been trying to contain the bushfire which has burnt about 610 hectares since Wednesday.

For further information refer to the CFS website www.cfs.sa.gov.au or contact the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361.

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