

Action Plan

for Bushfire Framework Review 2019

The State Government's goals:

- Improved scientific basis for identifying areas of the State as bushfire prone
- Streamlined planning approvals for development in areas of lower bushfire risk
- Bushfire planning and building requirements that reflect the identified level of risk

Revised mapping methodology

- A cross-agency Working Group led by the Office of Bushfire Risk Management has been established with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety to develop a new mapping methodology and map that:
 - enables the application of specific criteria to determine bushfire prone areas in significantly built-up urban areas, commencing with the metropolitan Central sub-region
 - identifies areas of the State as bushfire prone, classified by different levels of bushfire risk, based on scientific modelling.
- Review the current process and frequency for the review of the map.

Planning policy framework

- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to finalise the advertised Position Statement Tourism in Bushfire Prone Areas.
- Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage to lead the review of *State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* and the *Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas* to:
 - better articulate the primacy of human life and avoidance of development in extreme areas
 - respond to the updated State map and identified level of risk
 - incorporate key aspects of the Position Statement Tourism in Bushfire Prone Areas

Stage 1a – Produce a new Bush Fire Prone Area Map for the metropolitan Central sub-region removing isolated pockets of vegetation less than four hectares.

Stage 1b – Finalise mapping criteria for significantly built-up urban areas and apply them to produce a new Bush Fire Prone Area Map for the metropolitan Central sub-region.

Stage 2 – Produce a new mapping methodology and Bush Fire Prone Area Map for the rest of the State in collaboration with the CSIRO.

Stage 3 – Amend SPP 3.7, the Guidelines and relevant policy and regulatory instruments.

