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BUSHFIRE PLANNING

Strategies

Support:

- the rebuilding of communities, destroyed homes and damaged infrastructure affected by the 2009 bushfires
- the re-establishment of commercial centres affected by the 2009 bushfires

in a way that mitigates bushfire risk.

Locate, design and manage use and development to reduce the risk to human life, property and community infrastructure from bushfire to an acceptable level.

Provide necessary bushfire protection measures, including through the design and construction of buildings, the creation of defensible space, the provision of a dedicated fire-fighting water supply and the need for fire authority access to and on the land.

Implement and maintain necessary bushfire protection measures in conjunction with the ongoing use of the land.

Facilitate the expansion of existing settlements, new subdivisions and uses that cater for vulnerable people only when:

- The risk to life, property and community infrastructure from bushfire is reduced to an acceptable level.
- The need for future occupants to implement and maintain bushfire protection measures is minimised through the careful location, siting and design of new development.
- Emergency management arrangements, considered in consultation with the relevant authorities, can be practically established and implemented, including through the actions of the emergency services, operators and future land owners.
- The ability for people to access safer locations and locations of last resort has been established.

Policy guidelines

Consider as relevant:

- The condition, location and route of available vehicle access and its suitability for safe and efficient egress before and during a bushfire.
- Provision of adequate water storage for rural dwellings, as follows:
 - Being proximate to the dwelling requiring the water storage.
 - Having a minimum storage capacity of 55,000 litres of water of which a minimum reserve of 10,000 litres is to be held at all times for firefighting purposes.
 - Being fitted with a gate valve and a 64mm, 3 thread round male coupling to CFA specifications to enable quick connection and full utilisation of all water.
 - Being environmentally unobtrusive or screened.