

Bush Fire Prone Area Reforms

Factsheet – April 2016



A guide to the recently announced package of reforms

This factsheet has been prepared to inform people intending to develop property within the Shire of Chittering. Existing residents may also be interested in the new requirements.

Why are the requirements changing?

The State Government has announced a package of reforms intended to help protect lives and property against the threat of bush fires throughout Western Australia.

These reforms introduce new requirements for people intending to develop and / or build within bush fire prone areas, including the need to assess a property's bush fire risk and take additional construction measures to limit the impact of bushfires.

What are the new planning requirements?

New bush fire planning requirements apply to all new planning proposals for habitable buildings (e.g. house, restaurant, office, etc.) or specified buildings in areas designated as bush fire prone on the *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas*, unless exemptions apply.

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For more information please contact;

WA Planning Commission

www.planning.wa.gov.au/8185.asp

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What areas are bush fire prone?

The *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas* identifies land falling within, or partially within, a bush fire prone area of WA as designated by the Fire and Emergency Services (FES) Commissioner.

The Office of Bush Fire Risk Management is an independent office within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services reporting directly to the FES Commissioner and is responsible for preparing, maintaining and administering the *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas*.

BUSH FIRE PRONE AREAS

For more information please contact;

Department of Fires and Emergency Services

www.dfes.wa.gov.au/regulationandcompliance/bushfireproneareas/Pages/default.aspx

obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au or 9395 9300

Note: all of the Shire of Chittering is considered to be bush fire prone.

For LOCAL Emergency Service Enquiries

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All Shire information is available in alternative formats upon request