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Updated Bushfire Risk Management policy

The Commissioner has approved the updated Bushfire Risk Management Policy following consultation with a range of stakeholders in the working group, including members from the Rural Fire Division, DFES Operations and Local Government.

The Bushfire Risk Management policy outlines DFES' responsibility to influence and implement bushfire prevention and mitigation activities to help reduce bushfire risk in WA. This is achieved by:

- implementing and supporting on-the-ground bushfire mitigation works
- developing frameworks, processes, standards and training for the bushfire management sector
- supporting other land managers in bushfire risk management activities
- delivering the Bushfire Risk Management Planning Program
- monitoring, evaluating, reporting and applying ongoing improvements.

This policy illustrates how bushfire prevention is an essential component of contemporary emergency management, and also recognises that bushfire risk management is a shared responsibility. It outlines DFES' commitment to strengthening partnerships to enhance the management, scale and effectiveness of bushfire risk management, alongside volunteers, local governments, state agencies, industry, First Nations Australians and the community.

For further information, please refer to the [Bushfire Risk Management policy](#) or contact Bec Pianta, Executive Manager Bushfire Knowledge at bec.pianta@dfes.wa.gov.au.

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