



OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 51/2019

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RURAL URBAN INTERFACE STRUCTURAL TRIAGE CHANGES

Following advice from the State Solicitors Office, assessment categories for structural triage have changed to “Un-defendable” and “Possibly Defendable”. [SOP 3.5.6 – Structural Triage](#) and [FG 3.5 – Bushfire](#) have been revised to reflect this.

To assist firefighters with their decision making, a Rural Urban Interface (RUI) Assessment Form has been developed. This form is located in the Operations section of the IM Toolbox and all crews are encouraged to use this form to assist when assessing a property.

Note that this form **is not to be released** to the property owner/s or the public.

Changes to “Asset Type” in FESMaps are scheduled for November to reflect the new categories. In the interim Asset Type “Defendable – Without Firefighter Assistance” is not to be used.

Key Message

All firefighting personal to familiarise themselves with changes to SOP 3.5.6 – Structural Triage, FG 3.5 - Bushfire and the new RUI Assessment Form.

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Target Audience: All firefighters				
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