



## OPERATIONAL CIRCULAR 68/2023

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### STATE AERIAL FIREFIGHTING FLEET 2023/2024

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#### Key Information

The following information outlines the earlier start times for some of the State aerial firefighting aircraft types and their bases (locations) for the 2023/2024 southern bush fire season.

Information regarding the remainder of the aerial fleet will be issued when finalised.

#### Jandakot Airport:

##### **25 October 2023, available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 2 x Bell 214B (2,650lts per aircraft) *HELITAKS*
- 1 x AS355 Twin Squirrel *FIREBIRD* helicopter Air Attack Supervision (AAS)
- 1 x AS365 N3 Dauphin *FIREBIRD* helicopter (utility, all-hazards response)

##### **1 November 2022, available daily 0900-1800hrs**

- 1 x AS365 N3 Dauphin *FIREBIRD* helicopter (Air Intel – Tactical Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance (ISR).)
- 1 x B200 King Air Linescanner FIRESCAN aircraft (FSCN 125 – Strategic ISR)

##### **Commencement Date to be advised (DBCA), available daily 0600-1800hrs.**

- 3 x AirTractor 802 fixed wing (3,150lts per aircraft) SEATs/BOMBERS
- 1 x Champion Scout *BIRDDOG* light fixed wing (AAS)
- 1 x AS350 Squirrel *FIREBIRD* helicopter (AAS)

#### For further Information

Further information on aerial firefighting services is available on the DFES intranet.

[Aerial Firefighting Fleet Fact Sheets](#)

Further information on automatic responses and call out procedures is available from

[SOP 3.11.1 – Aerial Suppression Response.](#)

**CRAIG WATERS AFSM**

**DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OPERATIONS**

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