

# Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas

## Instructions for Use

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## Opening the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas

The Map is available from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website at: [www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire/bushfireproneareas](http://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfire/bushfireproneareas).

Users may also wish to bookmark the direct link to the Map: <https://maps.slip.wa.gov.au/landgate/bushfireprone>

Do you have a colleague that is still accessing a previous edition of the Map through their cache? Remind them to 'refresh' or to access the latest edition using the above links.

## Key features of the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas

The Map, shown in Figure 1 below, uses an Esri-based mapping engine. It looks similar to Google Maps and works in a similar way.

At the top of the screen users can access links to the Instructions for Use, Frequently Asked Questions and the Feedback Survey. The search field and zoom buttons are available at the top left of the screen.

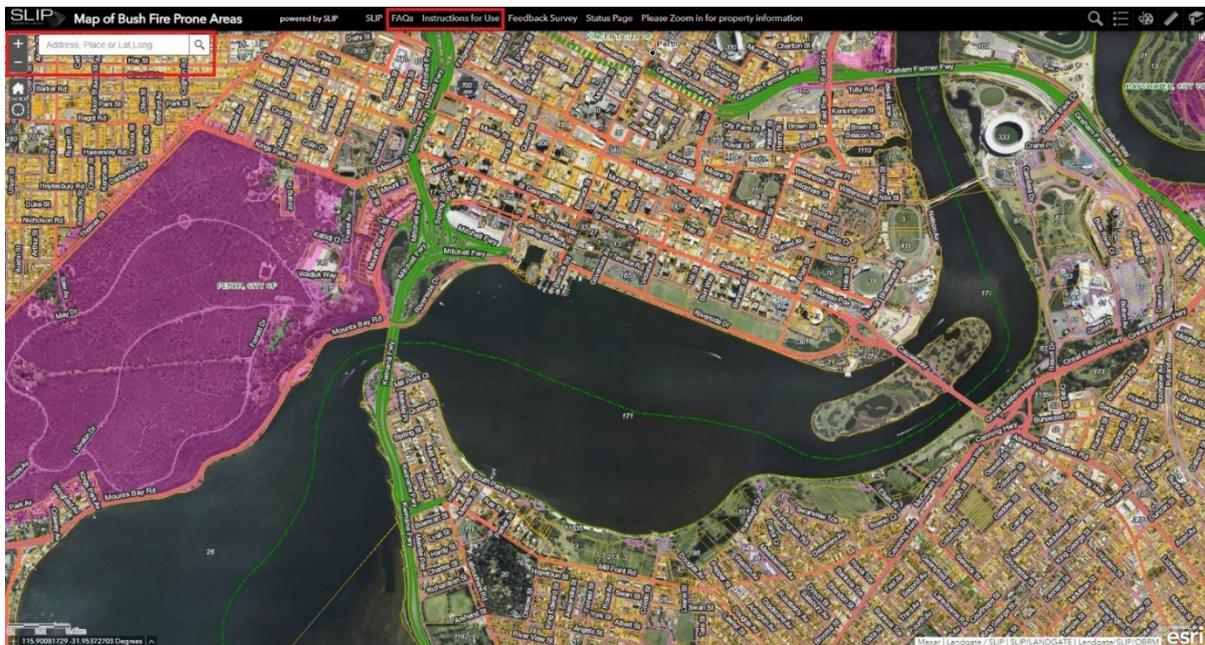


Figure 1

## Searching the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas

To search by place or address, type your location of interest into the search field in the top left of screen.

You may also search using GPS coordinates using a latitude, longitude format (for example, -31.976,115.765). Note there is no space after the comma between the coordinates. Users can also grab, drag, zoom and scroll to explore the Map using their mouse.

In addition, a search feature has been added to the Map to assist users to find new or proposed addresses. The Proposed Roads search is accessed through the first icon to the top right of the screen.

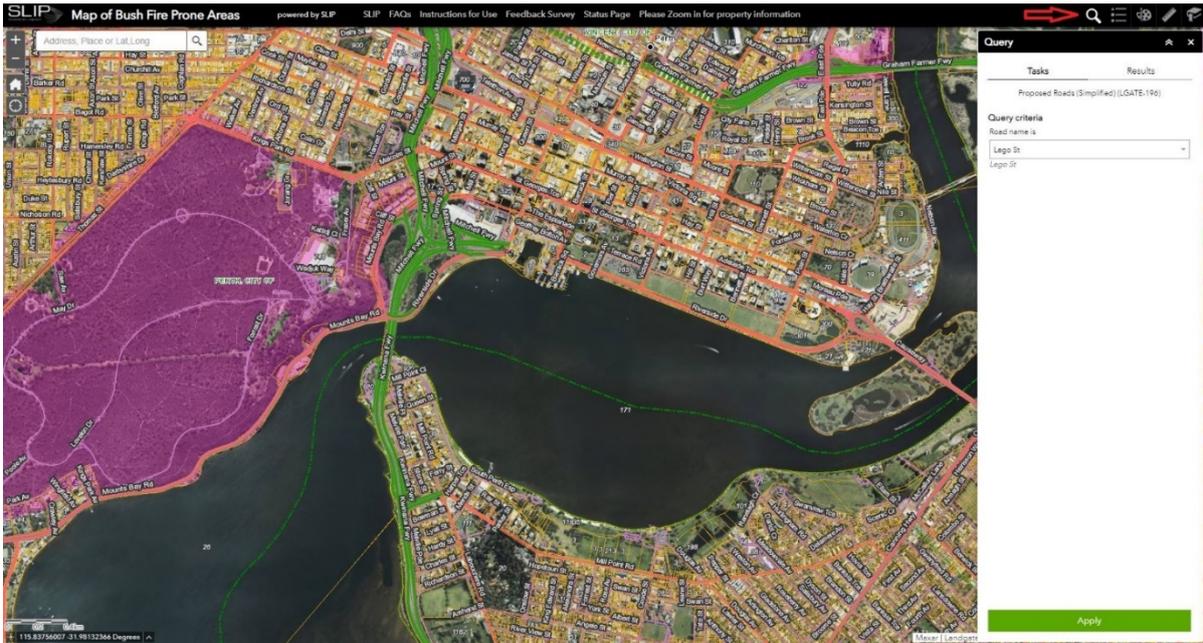


Figure 2

You can type the name of the road of interest in the ‘Road Name is...’ field or click on the dropdown arrow next to this field to scroll through the full list of proposed roads for Western Australia.

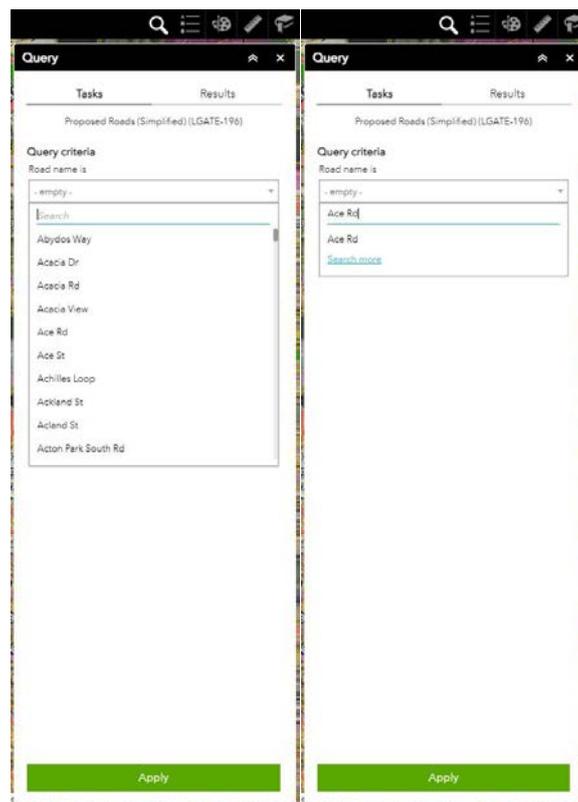


Figure 3

Click ‘Apply’ and the Map will zoom to the proposed road of interest. The proposed road will be displayed in green on the Map.



Figure 4

### Interpreting the results of a search

The pink colour identifies all designated bush fire prone areas. The blue cross-hatched colour helps users to identify 'newly designated areas' that may be subject to the transitional period. The yellow lines show the cadastral layer (better known as property boundaries). Users will see these in greater detail when they zoom into the Map, as demonstrated in Figure 5 below.



Figure 5\*

The aim of the Map is to inform the user whether a property of interest is in, or contains, a designated bush fire prone area. Clicking within the yellow boundaries of a property will bring up a pop-up box informing the user whether the property is considered bush fire prone or not. The border of the property will change to a bright blue colour so it is easy to identify which property the information relates to.

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Note: there are only three pop-up box options – one for properties that have been newly designated as bush fire prone (as shown in Figure 6A), one for those in continuing bush fire prone areas (as shown in Figure 6B), and one for those that are not considered bush fire prone (as shown in Figure 6C).



A



B



C

Figure 6\*

Each pop-up box contains:

- The designation of the site – ‘Bush Fire Prone Area’ or ‘Not Applicable’
- The designation date (DD/MM/YY format) for bush fire prone areas – note that bush fire prone areas that are ‘continuing’ will display both their 2019 designation date and the earliest continual designation date, for example ‘01/06/19 (since 08/12/15)’.
- Local government/s for the location
- Comments to explain the implications of the designation for the property
- An overview paragraph explaining the Map and its implications
- Links for additional information: Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DMIRS) – Building Commission and the Office of Bushfire Risk Management.

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Further information about planning and building requirements for bush fire prone areas can be sourced from:

- The DPLH website, or contact the Bushfire Policy Officer at [bushfire@dplh.wa.gov.au](mailto:bushfire@dplh.wa.gov.au) or (08) 6551 9000;
- The DMIRS – Building Commission website or contact [BCinfo@dmirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:BCinfo@dmirs.wa.gov.au) or 1300 489 099; or
- The planning or building section of your local government.

### **Printing the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas**

You can print directly from the Map by right-clicking on the Map and selecting 'Print' from the list that appears. Select the settings as appropriate for your printer.

Due to differences in printers and computer set ups, you may wish to take a screenshot of the area of interest on the Map and use this when printing as follows:

#### **Microsoft Windows OS**

- To take a screenshot of what is displayed on the screen, press 'Alt+PrtScn' by holding down the 'Alt' key and then pressing the 'PrtScn' key. The 'PrtScn' key is near the upper-right corner of your keyboard.
- Paste the screenshot using the 'Ctrl+V' keys into an appropriate application, for example Paint or Microsoft Word.
- Print from this application.

#### **Mac OS**

- Press 'Command+Shift+3' to screenshot the whole desktop screen or 'Command+Shift+4' to snapshot any selected area.
- Paste the screenshot into an appropriate application, for example Microsoft Word, by pressing the 'Command+V' keys.
- Print from this application.

### **Downloading the dataset for use in GIS**

The Bush Fire Prone Areas dataset is publicly available to download from the [data.wa.gov.au](http://data.wa.gov.au) website and the [Landgate Shared Location Information Platform \(SLIP\)](#) in Shapefile, Web Mapping Service (WMS) and Web Feature Service (WFS) format. Historical Bush Fire Prone Areas datasets are also available to download.

### **Providing feedback and suggestions for improvement**

Please provide Map feedback and suggestions for improvement through the Feedback Survey or, if the matter is urgent, by emailing [obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au).

## Troubleshooting

### My pop-up box has numbers in brackets, for example (1 of 2) appearing?

When it is unclear which property you have clicked on, numbers in brackets, for example (1 of 2), may appear in the blue heading of the pop-up box. This most commonly occurs when you are zoomed out, as you may have clicked in the vicinity of many properties. Tip – zoom in and click again on your property of interest. You can confirm which property the information relates to by ensuring that the bright blue border is appearing around your property of interest.

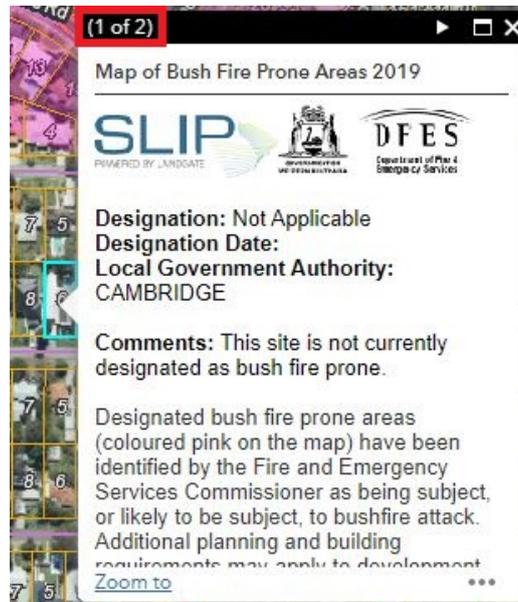


Figure 6

Alternatively, clicking on the white arrow in the blue heading of the pop-up box will display the neighboring properties that were picked up in your original search. You will see the bright blue border move to another property boundary when you click the arrow and the number in brackets change, for example (2 of 2).

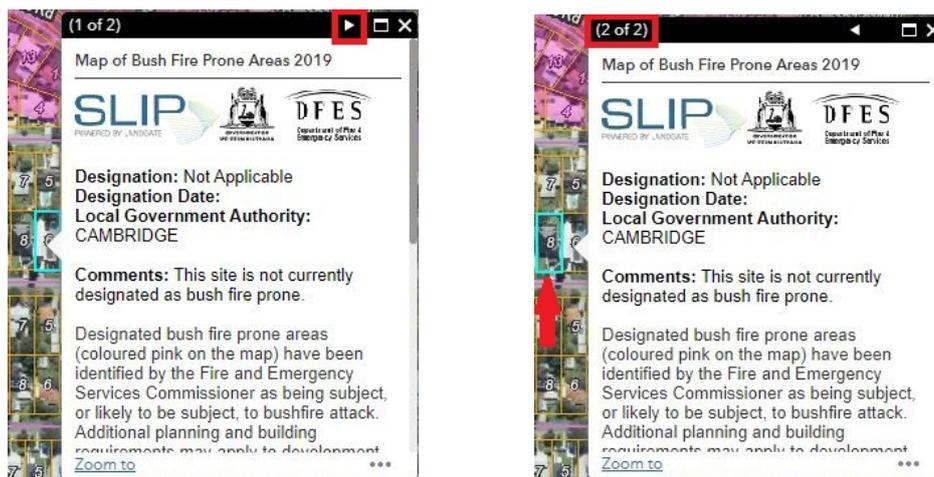


Figure 7

### Some areas of the Map are not drawing (loading) properly?

The Map may not draw (load) new areas properly when it has been left idle for a period of time.

Tip – refresh the Map by clicking reset view or by pressing the 'F5' button.



Figure 8\*

### Why can't I find my new property using the search function on the Map?

There is a time lag between properties being created and the Esri property street address database being updated. You may be able to locate the new address using the 'Proposed Roads' search function (refer to above section on searching). Other than navigating to the location manually, you can also search using GPS coordinates if you have these available for the property or area of interest. Coordinates can be searched using a latitude, longitude format (for example, - 31.976,115.765).

Note there is no space after the comma between the coordinates.

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