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GENERAL UPDATE – OFFICE OF BUSHFIRE RISK MANAGEMENT (OBRM)

Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas

On 8 December 2015, the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner designated bush fire prone areas depicted in the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas 2015. The publication of the Map and designation of bush fire prone areas meets one of the few remaining recommendations from the 2011 Keelty Report of the Perth Hills Bushfire. It is another significant delivery for OBRM that is supporting improved management of bushfire risk for Western Australians.

You can access the map at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfireproneareas. There is a handy tutorial available on the above site that will guide you in using the Map. Google Chrome is the best browser to run the map through. The bush fire prone area dataset is also available on the Landgate Shared Location Information Platform (SLIP) in both a Web Map Service (WMS) and Web Feature Service (WFS) for users to integrate into their GIS applications.

OBRM are responsible for the development of the Map and its ongoing review. The development of the Map was initiated in early 2014 and has involved extensive consultation with both state agencies and local government. In May 2014, OBRM published the Mapping Standard for Bushfire Prone Areas designed to guide local governments in their assessment of the draft bushfire prone area maps for each local government. The reviewed data was discussed between OBRM and the respective local government, and integrated into the final Map.

The Map depicts areas that are prone to bushfire attack. These areas are based on vegetation data with a 100m buffer applied. The Map will be reviewed within the first six months by local governments, and OBRM will be writing to local governments shortly to commence the process. The Map will be reviewed on an annual basis thereafter. OBRM have published an updated Mapping Standard for Bush Fire Prone Areas that is available at www.dfes.wa.gov.au/bushfireproneareas

The Map is a complementary element of State Planning Policy 3.7 – Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas. Areas designated as bushfire prone in the map are now required to undergo further assessment for planning and building purposes to ensure that future building and development complies with the Australian Standard (AS3959) for building in bushfire prone areas. Further information regarding Planning and Building requirements can be found at www.planning.wa.gov.au/bushfire or www.commerce.wa.gov.au/buildingcommission.

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OBRM aims to enhance the efficient and effective management of bushfire related risk in Western Australia in order to protect people, assets and other things valuable to communities.

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