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# HOTSPOTS

## Property Fire Management Plan





# HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT

## WORKSHOP 1 – Hotspots PROPERTY FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

### VERSION 1 – MAY 2013

This booklet is one of several resources developed for the Hotspots Fire Project which aims to provide a property fire management planning framework across New South Wales.

This booklet is designed to be used in conjunction with 'Hotspots Fire Management Planning Presentation', Hotspots Workshop 1 – Preparing a Fire Management Plan booklet, and the support of ecological and local agency representatives.

This booklet is a publication of the Hotspots Fire Project.

The Hotspots Fire Project is a partnership program jointly managed by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW and the NSW Rural Fire Service.

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For further information please visit our website: [www.hotspotsfireproject.org.au](http://www.hotspotsfireproject.org.au)

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### Disclaimer & notes

This draft booklet has been compiled for the Hotspots Fire Project. It serves merely as an aid to planning, and in no way provides any guarantee of fire safety. Although people living in and working in fire-prone areas or areas with potential for fire can attempt to minimise risk, a degree of risk will always remain. The information contained herein reflects our understanding at the time of publication. We are learning more about fire and the environment every day and anticipate that some recommendations may change as new information comes to hand. Thus whilst every effort has been made to ensure the information presented herein is as accurate and well-informed as possible, those involved in compiling this booklet take no responsibility for any outcomes, actions or losses resulting either directly or indirectly from the booklet's interpretation, misinterpretation or implementation. The examples provided are not intended to suggest a recommended course of action. Nor is this booklet intended to be used without the help of experts, good neighbour relations, the experience of the associated Hotspots Fire Project workshops and the tools provided at those workshops. Readers should also note that the focus of this booklet is on fire management planning, as distinct from fire response planning. The NSW Rural Fire Service can assist with the latter.











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## RECORDING SHEET -

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**FIRE HISTORY:** REFER TO FIRE MAPPING

**FIRE INTERVAL RANGE:** WHAT IS THE RECOMMENDED MIN AND MAX?

**VALUES AND LAND USE:** WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO WITH THIS AREA?

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## PROPERTY FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN ACTIONS

Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### USEFUL CONTACTS

CONTACT	PHONE	MOBILE	EMAIL
NSW RFS			
NPWS			
Forests NSW			
CMA			
Neighbours			
Other			

### 12 MONTHS

AREA	ACTION & OBJECTIVE	TIME FRAME/NOTES



# HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT

## 2-4 YEARS

AREA	ACTION & OBJECTIVE	TIME FRAME/NOTES

## 5+ YEARS

AREA	ACTION & OBJECTIVE	TIME FRAME/NOTES



# HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT RESOURCES

## FIRE SAFETY

### **NSW Rural Fire Service**

[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)

The RFS website provides information on current fires and incidents, how to plan your property for fire, information on hazards and how to apply for a Hazard Reduction Certificate, the Bush Fire Environmental Assessment Code and current Bush Fire Risk Management Plans for your area. These can be viewed on the “For The Community” section of the website.

### **Fire and Rescue NSW**

[www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

Fire and Rescue NSW are responsible for providing fire, rescue and hazmat services to cities and towns across NSW. The Fire and Rescue NSW website provides information on home fire safety, current incidents and factsheets on bushfire and home safety.

## ACTS AND REGULATIONS

The latest versions of the following Acts and Regulations can be found on the Australasian Legal Information Institute webpage (AUSTLII) [www.austlii.edu.au](http://www.austlii.edu.au)

Rural Fires Act 1997

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulations 2010

Native Vegetation Act 2003

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Local Environmental Plans

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## FOR INFORMATION ON FIRE SAFETY AND MANAGEMENT

Call the NSW Rural Fire Service Information Line on 1800 679 737.

For your local Fire Control Centre contacts, visit the NSW RFS Website [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)  
In the event of an emergency call Triple Zero (000)

## FOR INFORMATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY, NATIONAL PARKS AND RESERVES

Visit [www.oeh.nsw.gov.au](http://www.oeh.nsw.gov.au) or,

To report pollution and other environmental incidents, smoky and noisy vehicles, and littering from vehicles, or get environment information and publications, phone 131 555.

For national parks information, annual passes, sustainability enquiries (including energy and water savings programs and rebates for households and businesses) and publication requests, phone 1300 361 967.



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## ONLINE RESOURCES

### **Community Access to Natural Resources Information (CANRI)**

[www.canri.nsw.gov.au](http://www.canri.nsw.gov.au)

A web based mapping tool which allows users to view environmental information from their area, by selecting their catchment management area and browsing data by topics, including atmosphere, biodiversity, coast and ocean, land and other topics.

### **NSW BioNet**

The website for the Atlas of NSW Wildlife

[www.bionet.nsw.gov.au/](http://www.bionet.nsw.gov.au/)

BioNet is a web portal that holds information about plants and animals in NSW. It allows you to perform a search for records of flora and fauna in your area.

### **Spatial Information eXchange**

[www.six.nsw.gov.au](http://www.six.nsw.gov.au)

The SIX portal is the official source of geospatial information for NSW. A number of mapping tools are available within the portal for accessing topographic information, cadastral information and scanned plans.

### **Atlas of Living Australia**

[www.ala.org.au](http://www.ala.org.au)

The Atlas of Living Australia website contains information on species, data on biodiversity, and an online tool which maps species that occur in your area.

### **NSW Royal Botanic Gardens Plantnet**

<http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/>

This website contains information on the flora of NSW, including photos, distribution and descriptions of most plants found in NSW.

### **NSW Threatened Species**

<http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/threatenedspecies/>

This webpage includes information on threatened species, key threatening processes, priority actions and relevant legislation.





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