

# Policy

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The personal and community devastation that can be caused by uncontrolled bush fires highlights the need for closer attention to strategies that prevent or mitigate such effects. Fire protection must, therefore, be taken into consideration during all phases of land development.

The WAPC's Planning for Bush Fire Protection Guidelines is a set of guidelines that outline a range of matters that need to be addressed at various stages of the planning process, to provide an appropriate level of protection to life and property from bush fires and avoid inappropriately located or designed land use, subdivision and development on land where a bush fire risk is identified.

The guidelines have been prepared jointly by the Fire and Emergency Services Authority of Western Australia (FESA, now DFES) and the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC) in accordance with clause 6 of State Planning Policy 3.4 Natural Hazards and Disasters (SPP 3.4).

The guidelines address a number of important fire risk management and planning issues, including:

- The statutory planning process as it relates to fire protection;
- Bush fire hazard assessment;
- The definition of fire prone areas;
- Fire protection requirements for subdivision and development; and
- Strategies available to limit the vulnerability to fire.

The City of Kwinana, at its discretion, adopts the current Planning for Bush Fire Protection Guidelines (edition 2), and subsequent revisions, as a City of Kwinana Local Planning

Policy. The guidelines can be viewed in full at the Department of Planning Website ([www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/1125.asp](http://www.planning.wa.gov.au/publications/1125.asp)), at the City of Kwinana Library and at the City of Kwinana Council Office.