

2022-2023 Risk Reduction Plan

To support the implementation of the Bushfire Management Area Plan within the Fire and Emergency Services Act (2005) and maintain consistency with ISO31000 2019.

The Outback Bushfire Management Committee (Outback BMC) provides the following:

1. Overview

Agencies and Councils were invited to contribute to the Outback BMC Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) for 2022-2023 financial year. The Outback BMC RRP is based on the delivery of actions outlined in the Outback Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP).

Outback BMC member agencies with assets rated as Very High & Extreme in the current BMAP were asked to identify which treatment strategies would be planned for implementation. It was emphasised that this RRP is for the upcoming twelve months only (2022-2023 Financial Year) and is not a full review of the BMAP.

There are agencies that enact policy or advise industry best practice. Due to the BMAP focus on on-ground delivery some agencies may not have any assets/treatments listed against them, therefore they have been exempt from being required to report against the Outback BMC RRP.

This plan is a first endeavour to empower BMCs to undertake a planned and coordinated approach to the mitigation of bushfire risk. It is acknowledged that capacity and capability varies across all member agencies which emphasises the collaborative purpose of BMC's to address existential and landscape risk.

The intent of the 2022-2023 Outback BMCRRP is to form the basis for the 2022-2023 Annual Report. Member agencies will be able to report against the complete and non-complete status of asset treatments rated Very High and Extreme and provide reasoning as to any challenges / constraints witnessed over the year (e.g. resources or weather conditions impacting delivery).

2. Agency Submissions

Some State Agencies chose to provide a single state-wide report being that they have presence over more than one BMC. Where appropriate during the workshop they were able to provide further information and collaboration treatments.

While agencies were asked to report against Very High and Extreme assets within the BMAP it also needs to be highlighted that there are areas within each agency that are business as usual actions being undertaken for those assets lower than Very High that are not being captured for this iteration of the Outback BMC RRP.

2.1 Single Organisation Actions

Each agency from within the Outback BMC was asked to submit their risk reduction plan for the 2022-2023 financial year, however none were received.

Attached is a collated spreadsheet of all Extreme and Very High assets from the BMAP for the Outback.

See *Attachment 1 – 2022-23 Outback BMC Risk Reduction Plan – Register*.

2.2 Coordinated Actions for next 12 months

A workshop was conducted within the BMC Meeting held in July 2022 where agencies were requested to submit assets of interest that their agencies intend to prioritise for the 2022-2023 Outback BMC RRP.

Discussions were then held in regard to potential areas of coordination and collaboration between agencies.

Below is the table of coordinated activities created from the discussions held at the Outback BMC meeting in July 2022.

Coordinated Risk Reduction Activities Planned		
Asset ID	Agency/organisation:	Activity planned: (including amendments)
0830011	Department of Infrastructure and Transport / Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY)	Review the rating due to area being decommissioned Has been closed down – Mintabie area decommissioned. Ownership needs to be transferred back to APY
New – Beverly Mine	South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS) / Mining	Review risk rating SACFS have management over the bushfire risk, coordination with mine regarding the re-opening
0430001 & Surrounds	Department for Environment and Water (DEW)	Prescribed burn has been put on hold for the next 12 months as the previous ones in 2012 still hold enough
750012	Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia (PIRSA) / SACFS / Private Owners	Review native vegetation along new area of fence Review clearance along full length of fence
Honeymoon Mine	Mining / SACFS	Re-opened, fuel loads increased, growth will need to be assessed closer to Sept/Oct
Cooper Basin	DEW / SACFS	Planning on Fire plan up near Cooper Basin (not including) suppression Moomba – not huge fuel loads, continuous growth of veg not been seen for years – infrastructure – resource shifting & planning , for movement of resources as swiftly as possible

3. Reporting Activities

Agencies were asked to report on the proposed risk reduction activity for each asset assigned to their area that are Very High / Extreme. Most agencies chose to report on the activity as a broad statement not identifying kilometres/hectares for hazard reduction or number of proposed s.105F hazard reduction compliance (s.105F) Notices to be issued.

Collated data on the number of assets highlighted in the collated 2022-2023 Outback BMC RRP is as follows.

Assets with Hazard Reduction Proposed	Assets with treatment of s.105F Notices Proposed
2	0

**These figures are a raw extract from attachment 1, a limitation for noting is this data could be grouped e.g.: a settlement polygon which may encompasses multiple assets.*

4. Supporting Agencies

Each agency has reviewed their respective actions captured in the 2022-2023 Outback BMC RRP. Agencies only have the authority to approve their own assigned actions within this plan for 2022-2023.

Table below outlines the Agencies belonging to the Outback BMC that have approved their respective actions.

Member Agency	Submission Received Yes/No	Agency Actions Validated/Approved by CE
South Australian Country Fire Service	Yes	Yes
Primary Industries and Regions, South Australia	No	Yes
Department for Environment and Water	No	Yes
Department for Infrastructure and Transport	No	Yes

**Validated means member agency has returned information; Approved means CE or equivalent has adopted these treatments against the member agency*

The table below lists agencies and organisations that at this point in time have no requirement to report on the 2022-2023 Outback BMC RRP as they have no recorded assets in the Outback BMAP in the Very High or Extreme category.

Member Agency	
Aboriginal Lands Trust	Maralinga Tjarutja Council
Alinytjara Wilurara Landscape Board	Outback Communities Authority (OCA)
Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Council	Pastoral Board
CFS Volunteers Association	Primary Producers
Conservation Council SA	Roxby Downs Council
Department of Defence (Federal)	South Australia Police
Department of the Premier and Cabinet – Aboriginal Affairs & Reconciliation	South Australia Northern Territory Oil Search (SANTOS)

5. Endorsement

This report has been endorsed by the Outback Bushfire Management Committee as an out of session action item.



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