



Tasmania Fire Service

Bushfire Planning & Policy Unit

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Attn: Planning Department

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: BUSHFIRE-PRONE AREAS MAPPING – DERWENT VALLEY LGA**

As you'll be aware, planning and building requirements for bushfire protection are applicable to proposed use and development within bushfire-prone areas of Tasmania. From the time the Bushfire-Prone Areas Code was introduced in 2013 it was always envisaged that overlay mapping would eventually be completed as the trigger for these requirements.

I write to advise Council that the Tasmania Fire Service has commenced work on preparing the bushfire-prone area mapping for the Derwent Valley LGA. In the coming weeks we will contact the relevant Council officers, who we anticipate working with as we refine the draft maps. An overview of our process is enclosed for your information.

Upon completion of the mapping we anticipate that Council will initiate a planning scheme amendment to incorporate the mapping as an overlay within the *Derwent Valley Interim Planning Scheme 2015*. We are seeking to complete this process prior to the introduction of the Tasmanian Planning Scheme.

Completion of the mapping will benefit the community and local government by providing clear guidance with respect to what land is considered bushfire-prone for the purposes of planning and building permit assessment.

Should Council seek to discuss this matter, please contact Bushfire Planning & Assessment Officer Tom O'Connor on 6230 8716 or at [tom.oconnor@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:tom.oconnor@fire.tas.gov.au).

Yours faithfully,

Chris Collins  
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