

18/730 Strategic Bushfire Management Plan Version 4

Summary of Impacts	
<p>The Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (SBMP) is the overarching document that directs all levels of bushfire planning in the ACT. Its purpose is to provide a strategic framework to protect the ACT community from bushfires and reduce resulting harm to the physical, social, cultural and economic environment of the Territory.</p> <p>To achieve this, the SBMP sets objectives and actions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • agency and community preparation and response for bushfires • bushfire hazard assessment and risk analysis • bushfire prevention, including hazard reduction • adaptive management to apply best practice to bushfire management and prevention practices in the ACT in a changing environment. 	

Key to impacts: Red – negative, Blue – neutral, Green – positive.

Social

Indigenous and multicultural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognising the culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples is one of five priorities of the SBMP. • Among the ways the SBMP does this is by prioritising engagement with local traditional custodians and the broader Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to integrate traditional knowledge into landscape management. • It also recognises an Aboriginal Fire Management Zone in Namadgi National Park comprising sites of cultural significance. Within this zone, cultural burning and other land management treatments may occur to support traditional cultural practices.
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Economic

ACT Government Budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SBMP has no impact on the ACT Budget. • Additional resources may be required by the Environment Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to undertake land management activities under the SBMP and Regional Fire Management Plan. Any additional resources would be requested through normal government budgetary processes.
Investment and economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan establishes the strategic framework for managing bushfire risk for the Territory, providing the platform for a management regime that ensures a lower risk of damage, injury and mortality from bushfires, contributing to long term economic growth and employment.

Environmental

Climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptive management for climate change is one of five key priorities for the SBMP. • The plan adopts an adaptive management process to address increasing bushfire risks, including climate change, and support continuous improvement based on sound research, modelling, monitoring, evaluation and lessons learned.
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SBMP promotes research and monitoring to target biodiversity conservation and understanding of appropriate fire regimes that support the needs of Territory flora and fauna.