

Appendix B Reviews and studies established as a result of the January 2003 bushfires

Judicial inquiries

The ACT Coroner's Inquiry (2003 Bushfires)

The ACT Coroner's Inquiry was established to investigate the cause, origin and circumstances of the fires that destroyed and damaged property in January 2003 and to undertake inquests into the deaths associated with those fires.

ACT government studies

The Canberra Plan

The Canberra Plan began in 2002, but is now being adjusted in order to take account of the consequences of the fires. The purpose of the Plan is to provide a sustainable framework for Canberra's economy, people and environment. It has three components—the Canberra Spatial Plan, the Economic White Paper, and the Social Plan. The Canberra Spatial Plan sets out a spatial framework for the future development of Canberra—what goes where, when, how and why—over the next 25–30 years. The Stromlo Option Survey was conducted as part of the development of the Canberra Spatial Plan.

The Urban Edge Review

The Urban Edge review aims to develop recommendations for mitigating bushfire risk and to consider the potential declaration of bushfire-prone areas.

The Study into Non-Urban Bushfire Affected Areas

This is a major study of the non-urban areas of the ACT affected by the bushfires. Important decisions need to be made about the short-, medium- and long-term future of the area. The aim of the study is to provide the Government with recommendations for the best use(s) of non-urban land for the sustainable development of the Territory.

The ACT Forests Business Case

This study aims to provide substantial technical advice on matters associated with the replanting of plantation forests in the Canberra region.

The ACT Five Year Recreation Strategy for the Non-Urban Natural Areas of the ACT

This study aims to provide guidance for the restoration, recovery and redevelopment of recreation facilities destroyed or damaged by the January 2003 bushfires.

The ACT Lowland Woodland Conservation Strategy

The Strategy aims to conserve in perpetuity all types of lowland woodland communities in the ACT as viable, well-represented ecological systems.

The ACT Water Strategy

The Strategy aims to guide the management of ACT's water resources.

Parliamentary and intergovernmental inquiries

The House Select Committee on the Recent Australian Bushfires

The Committee aims to identify measures that can be implemented by governments, industry and the community to minimise the incidence of bushfires and their impact on life, property and the environment.

The Council of Australian Governments

The Prime Minister has written to state and territory leaders seeking their views on, and support for, a national bushfire inquiry to be held under the auspices of COAG.

The Australian Building Codes Board Strategy

The Strategy will review Building Code of Australia by September 2003 in order to ensure that the existing provisions and standards meet community needs, so that any changes that may be necessary can be published before the next bushfire season.