

1. SNAPSHOT BMO MAPPING UPDATE

What's happening?

After targeted consultation with local government, updated Bushfire Management Overlay maps together with an updated State Planning Policy Framework will be introduced into all planning schemes.

The State Planning Policy Framework – Bushfire will be updated to include reference to the Bushfire Prone Area map. This change further integrates the planning and building systems response to bushfire hazard.

You have been provided with

You can access the following material at <http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/planning/planning-and-building-for-bushfire-protection/updated-mapping-bushfire-management-overlay-council-consultation-2016>

Documents

- Summary information sheet.
- Information guide for planners.
- The updated State Planning Policy Framework Clause 13.05 Bushfire with changes highlighted (included in information guide for planners).
- *Planning Advisory Note 46: Bushfire Management Overlay Mapping Methodology and Criteria.*

Maps and mapping data

- The individual planning scheme maps proposed to be introduced into each planning scheme showing the updated Bushfire Management Overlay and the cadastre base.
- A package of data files with the GIS information for the updated Bushfire Management Overlay is available for your council if required. Please email planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au to advise the format you require.

What you need to do

Planners and fire experts in council should review the mapping for accuracy and provide feedback to planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au as early as possible before mid-September 2016.

If there are issues with mapping please arrange to attend a mapping verification workshop scheduled for your region (see flyer). Please email documented feedback prior to the workshop to planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au

Time frame

Councils will have until mid-September 2016 to request any changes to the mapping.

Contact

planning.systems@delwp.vic.gov.au

4. OTHER ISSUES

Can other issues can be raised?

Councils can raise any issue they believe is relevant however the primary objective is to accurately and comprehensively map bushfire hazard across the state.

Issues about mapping accuracy will be dealt with through this project and any other issues will be considered separately.

Can councils put the Bushfire Management Overlay maps on public display?

Councils can make their own decisions about public display however given the technical basis of the updated maps, the intent is to introduce the mapping without broad scale public consultation.

Once the updated Bushfire Management Overlay mapping has been introduced into planning schemes the public can easily check the status of their land on Planning Maps Online and make enquiries with their local council or the department.

Can a member of the public make a submission or request a review of the application of the updated Bushfire Management Overlay?

Members of the public can request a review of the planning scheme including the Bushfire Management Overlay independently of this project.

As is current practice, a submission or request for review can be made at any time.

Timeframe

How long will councils have to respond?

Councils will have until mid-September 2016 to consider the updated mapping. However Councils are encouraged to progressively submit comments as early as possible.

When will the changes happen?

After consultation with councils and consideration of any submissions is complete, new planning scheme maps will be approved without further notice under s.20(4) of the Act.

At the same time, the updated State Planning Policy Framework Clause 13.05 Bushfire will be introduced to include reference to the Bushfire Prone Area map.

These changes are currently expected to occur post September 2016.