

# Local Provisions Schedule

## Fact Sheet 8 – Clause C13.0 Bushfire Prone Areas Code

### **Will the Tasmanian Planning Scheme change the risk associated with bushfire on properties?**

The zoning changes within the incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme will not change the risk of bushfire due to the extensive nature of this hazard across the Kingborough and the Greater Hobart landscape. Regardless of the land zoning, it is crucial to be prepared for the bushfire season, particularly in Kingborough, which has a significant amount of bushland. Taking measures to prepare properties and establish defensible spaces that will aid in people's survival during a bushfire event.

[The Bushfire Prone Areas Code](#) provides the provisions applies to development and use where a development application is required. The purposed of the code is to ensure that uses and development is appropriately designed, located, serviced, and constructed, to reduce the risk to human life and property, and the cost to the community, caused by bushfires.

### **Do I need a permit for work associated with bushfire hazard management?**

The current and incoming Tasmanian Planning Scheme includes several exemptions for bushfire hazard management. These exemptions encompass fire management mandated by the Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) as part of the TFS hazard reduction program, as well as fire hazard management in accordance with a bushfire hazard management plan approved as part of a specific land use or development. When a development application is required, the planning scheme accommodates bushfire hazard management in compliance with the Building Regulations and AS-3959-2018. Consequently, permit conditions often place the responsibility on landowners to maintain their properties according to the approved bushfire hazard management plan. Undertaking works beyond the scope of the approved plan necessitates a new permit, potentially involving a reassessment of the bushfire risk and the preparation of a revised bushfire management plan by an accredited bushfire practitioner. If you intend to modify or clear trees or native vegetation on you property, please contact Council to determine whether a permit is required or fill out the tree clearing form on [Council's website](#). A list of accredited Bushfire Hazard Practitioners authorised by the Tasmania Fire Service to develop Bushfire Hazard Management Plans which can be found on the [Tasmania Fire Service website](#).

### **Will the Council put a higher priority on reducing the bushfire risk or protecting the special values associated with bushland when considering use or development under the Tasmanian Planning Scheme?**

The Council is committed to minimising the risk of bushfire in the community. Whilst the removal of vegetation can be an effective way to reduce fire hazard on properties, the Council will also continue to balance the need to safeguard the unique values of our bushland areas within the guidelines specified by the planning scheme.

