

2022-2023 Risk Reduction Plan

To support the implementation of the Bushfire Management Area Plan within the Fire and Emergency Services Act (2005) and maintain consistency with ISO31000 2019.

The Murray Mallee Bushfire Management Committee (MM BMC) provides the following:

1. Overview

Agencies and Councils were invited to contribute to the MM BMC Risk Reduction Plan (RRP) for 2022-2023 financial year. The MM BMC RRP is based on the delivery of actions outlined in the MM Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP).

MM BMC member agencies with assets rated as Very High & Extreme in the current BMAP were asked to identify which treatment strategies would be planned for implementation. It was emphasised that these bushfire risk reduction plans are for the upcoming twelve months only (2022-2023 Financial Year) and is not a full review of the BMAP.

There are agencies that enact policy or advise industry best practice. Due to the BMAP focus on on-ground delivery some agencies may not have any assets/treatments listed against them, therefore they have been exempt from being required to report against the MM BMC RRP.

This plan is a first endeavour to empower BMCs to undertake a planned and coordinated approach to the mitigation of bushfire risk. It is acknowledged that capacity and capability varies across all member agencies which emphasises the collaborative purpose of BMC's to address existential and landscape risk.

The intent of the 2022-2023 MM BMC RRP is to form the basis for the 2022-2023 Annual Report. Member agencies will be able to report against the complete and non-complete status of asset treatments rated Very High and Extreme and provide reasoning as to any challenges / constraints witnessed over the year (e.g. resources or weather conditions impacting delivery).

2. Agency Submissions

Within the MM BMC two State Government Agencies completed the reporting template.

Some State Agencies chose to provide a single state-wide report being that they have presence over more than one BMC. Where appropriate during the workshop they were able to provide further information and collaboration treatments.

While agencies were asked to report against Very High and Extreme assets within the BMAP it also needs to be highlighted that there are areas within each agency that are business as usual actions being undertaken for those assets lower than Very High that are not being captured for this iteration of the MM BMC RRP.

2.1 – Single Organisation Actions

Each agency from within the MM BMC was asked to submit their risk reduction plan for the 2022-2023 financial year.

Attached is a collated spreadsheet of all Plans received from those agencies that submitted information by the required date. Where no formal submission was received from an agency, and as communicated to MM BMC, assets rated as Very High and Extreme have been included on their behalf.

See *Attachment 1 – 2022-23 MM BMC Risk Reduction Plan – Register*.

2.2 – Coordinated Actions for next 12 months

A workshop was conducted within the BMC Meeting held in July 2022 where agencies were requested to submit assets of interest that their agencies intend to prioritise for the 2022-2023 MM BMC RRP.

Discussions were then held in regard to potential areas of coordination and collaboration between agencies.

Below is the table of coordinated activities created from the discussions held at the MM BMC meeting in July 2022.

	Coordinated Risk Reduction Activities Planned	
Asset ID	Agency/organisation:	Activity planned: (including amendments)
Landscape Treatment Investigation Area	Department for Environment and Water /Private Owner	Burning on Private Lands (BOPL) (Fire Information Management System (FIMS) #468) Landscape Protection
3730012	South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS) & Southern Mallee District Council	Bushfire Ready
2430056	SACFS & Southern Mallee District Council	Bushfire Ready
6430103	SACFS & Rural City of Murray Bridge	Firey Women
6430107	SACFS & Rural City of Murray Bridge	Community Fire Safe
4030094	SACFS / Local Council / First Nations peoples	Bushfire Ready

3. Reporting Activities

Agencies were asked to report on the proposed risk reduction activity for each asset assigned to their area that are Very High/Extreme. Most agencies chose to report on the activity as a broad statement not identifying kilometres/hectares for hazard reduction or number of proposed s.105F hazard reduction compliance (s.105F) Notices to be issued.



Collated data on the number of assets highlighted in the collated 2022-2023 MM BMC RRP is as follows.

Assets with Hazard Reduction Proposed	Assets with treatment of s.105F Notices Proposed
4	29

**These figures are a raw extract from Attachment 1, a limitation for noting is this data could be grouped e.g.: a settlement polygon which may encompasses multiple assets.*

4. Supporting Agencies

Each agency has reviewed their respective actions captured in the 2022-2023 MM BMC RRP. Agencies only have the authority to approve their own assigned actions within this plan for 2022-2023.

Table below outlines the Agencies belonging to the MM BMC that have approved their respective actions.

Member Agency	Submissions Received Yes/No	Agency Actions Validated/Approved by CE
Berri Barmera Council	No	Yes
Coorong District Council	No	Yes
Karoonda East Murray District Council	No	No
Loxton Waikerie Council	No	Yes
Mid Murray Council	No	Yes
Renmark Paringa Council	No	Yes
Rural City of Murray Bridge	No	Yes
Southern Mallee District Council	No	No
Department for Environment and Water	No	Yes
South Australian Country Fire Service	Yes	Yes

**Validated means member agency has returned information; Approved means CE or equivalent has adopted these treatments against the member agency*

The table below lists agencies and organisations that at this point in time have no requirement to report on the 2022-2023 MM BMC RRP as they have no recorded assets in the MM BMAP in the Very High or Extreme category.

Member Agency
Murraylands and Riverland Landscape Board
Department for Infrastructure and Transport
Primary Producers SA
South Australian Metropolitan Fire Service
SA Water
South Australian Police
Country Fire Service Volunteers Association
Conservation Council SA

5. Endorsement

This report has been endorsed by the Murray Mallee Bushfire Management Committee as an out of session action item.



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