



My Bushfire **Stay and Defend Plan**



Where is your bushfire plan for?



Who do we need to protect?

- ☐ Me
- ☐ Other Adults
- ☐ Babies and Children
- ☐ People who need assistance
- ☐ Pets
- ☐ Livestock and other animals



What will we do before the fire front arrives?

Inside the house

- ☐ Relocate other family members especially children and older people.
- ☐ Turn off the air conditioner but leave water running through the system if possible.
- ☐ Fill containers/basins with water - check all water supplies.
- ☐ Find woolen blankets for protection against radiant heat.
- ☐ Soak towels and rugs in water and lay alongside the inside of external doorways.
- ☐ Take down curtains and move furniture away from windows.
- ☐ Place ladder and torch close to manhole to check ceiling for embers.

Outside the house

- ☐ Bring all loose burnable material inside.
- ☐ Wet down side of house and garden that faces the fire front.
- ☐ Block downpipes and fill gutters with water.
- ☐ Regularly patrol around the home for spot fires.
- ☐ Turn off gas supply.

Is there anything else you need to consider?



What will we do when the fire arrives at our property?

- ☐ Bring all hoses, hose fittings (including plastic tap attachments) and equipment inside.
- ☐ Move everyone into the house when you see flames.
- ☐ Frequently check the roof cavity for spot fires.
- ☐ Stay inside the house until the front passes - usually 10 to 15 minutes.
- ☐ Have access to drinking water to stay hydrated.

Is there anything else you need to consider?



What will we do after the fire front has passed?

- ☐ When it is safe, check inside and outside for spot fires, including all cavities and gaps.
- ☐ Patrol your house for several hours checking for small fires and burning embers - embers can travel many kilometres.
- ☐ DO NOT leave immediately after the front has passed - it can be extremely dangerous.
- ☐ Listen to the radio or check with local police for when it's safe to leave.

Is there anything else you need to consider?



When will we put the plan into action?



What is your backup plan?



Where will we shelter if trapped?