

FARM EMERGENCY PLAN



Property Details

You will need a scaled map or aerial photograph of each property to complete this Plan.

ADDRESS	PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION CODE (PIC)	COUNCIL RATES ASSESSMENT NUMBER

You should keep a copy of Council rates notices for any properties to own on this USB or in a safe place to identify yourself and allow access to properties that may become isolates during roadblocks.

INSURER NAME	CONTACT NUMBER	POLICY NUMBER

Structures

Non-residential structures, such as sheds, often contain valuable assets. Where appropriate, they should be closed on all sides and have solid doors to minimise the risk of ember attack.

Property structures

Houses located on your property:

Number of farm houses where full-time residents sleep:
(Identify the location of the houses on your property map)

Number of farm houses where part-time residents sleep:
(Identify the location of the houses on your property map)

Time of year when farm houses are occupied by part-time residents:

From:	<input type="text"/>	To:	<input type="text"/>
From:	<input type="text"/>	To:	<input type="text"/>
From:	<input type="text"/>	To:	<input type="text"/>

Other structures located on your property: *(Identify the locations of all other structures on your property map)*

Sheds	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stables/Animal Housings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Pump Sheds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Closed on all sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Stock Yards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:	<input type="text"/>
Open on all sides	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shearing Sheds	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Access to your property

Access roads to structures

- Are the roads leading to your structures restricted by any fencing, locked gates, or other obstacles, and are they clearly marked?
- Access restrictions on these roads need to be considered carefully as they may delay the arrival of emergency services during a fire.

Vehicle access throughout your property

Vehicles must be able to enter and turn safely in dark or smokey conditions. Knowing where access restrictions exist on your property will help firefighters. Check your property for:

- height restrictions
- overhanging trees
- low power lines
- narrow roads
- property bridges with weight restrictions
- gates and cattle grids
- rural residence internal fencing
- potentially boggy areas.

Vehicle access *(Identify access roads, entry points, locked gates and obstructions on your property map)*

Around your house

- | | | |
|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | Constructed road |
| Yes | No | Drivable but not constructed road |
| Yes | No | Obstructions to vehicle access (fences, pools, locked gates etc.) |

Around your sheds

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|-----|----|-----------------------------------|
| Yes | No | Constructed road |
| Yes | No | Drivable but not constructed road |

Along property boundaries

- | | | |
|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | Constructed road |
| Yes | No | Drivable but not constructed road |
| Yes | No | Main entry road, suitable for a fire appliance, inc. turning area |
| Yes | No | Internal bridges or cattle grids |

Internal access

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| Yes | No | Identify on the attached map of your property |
| Yes | No | Is property divided into permanent paddocks? |

Water and pumps

- Do your water storage areas have good vehicle access and are they easily identifiable?
- What size and type of outlets are on your water tanks?
- Do you have other static water sources (SWS) on your property such as a swimming pool?
- Do your water tanks have pump and hose available to be used in the event of fire?
- Does everyone on your property know how to operate pumps and hose systems?

Water sources *(Identify all water sources on your property map)*

Yes	No	<input type="text"/>	Dams number on site
Yes	No	<input type="text"/>	Bore Water Supply number on site
Yes	No	<input type="text"/>	Natural Water Supply number on site
Yes	No	<input type="text"/>	Town Water Supply Hydrant Points number on site
Yes	No	<input type="text"/>	Water Tanks/Swimming Pool number on site

Water Source Type, Quantity, and Location

WATER SOURCE TYPE	APPROX. CAPACITY (LTRS)	LOCATION
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Vehicle access around your dams and water supplies

Yes	No	Constructed road
Yes	No	Drivable but not constructed road
Yes	No	Obstructions to vehicle access (e.g. fences, etc)

Tank outlets

Yes	No	Tanks fitted with 65mm Storz outlets and metal valves/pipes
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Water pumps *(Identify water pumps on your property map)*

Yes	No	Location	<input type="text"/>	No. on site	<input type="text"/>
Yes	No	Fixed	<input type="text"/>	No. on site	<input type="text"/>
Yes	No	Portable	<input type="text"/>	No. on site	<input type="text"/>

Livestock & agricultural activities

Animal health issues

- Quarantined stock areas should be identified and brigades should be advised not to mix stock if possible.
- Identify refuge paddocks where stock can be moved during fires.

Refuge locations on property: *(Mark refuge locations on your property map)*

Cattle

Sheep

Horses

Intensive (pigs/poultry etc.)

Exotic (Lamas/ostriches etc.)

Other

Activity conducted on property: *(Mark locations of different activities on your property map)*

Grazing

Cropping

Orchard

Hobby farm

Plantations

Other

Fodder storage: *(Identify storage areas on your property map)*

Open sheds

Baled and stacked

Paddocks

Baled and left in paddocks

Silos

Covered stacks/Silage

Other

Hazards

(Identify on your property map the location of all potential hazards)

What are the hazards on your property and where are they located? Are the hazards isolated or, in the case of fuel and chemicals, clearly identified? Do you already carry out fire mitigation strategies for these hazards e.g. fuel-free zone? Do you have an alternate power source that powers your infrastructure and also feeds the main power grid? In this section you will need to think carefully about what actions you could take to reduce hazards and transfer these to your Action Plan.

Vegetation, such as garden planter boxes, mulch, wind breaks, ornamental trees, overhanging branches, close to structures increases the opportunity for fire to reach and impact upon them.

Vegetation

Yes	No	Wet forest
Yes	No	Grassy forest
Yes	No	Grassy woodland
Yes	No	Shrubby forest
Yes	No	Pasture/grassland
Yes	No	Crops
Yes	No	Plantations

Other:

Electrical

Yes	No	Low power lines
Yes	No	Underground power lines
Yes	No	On-site generator
Yes	No	Telephone lines
Yes	No	Alternate power source

Gases

House	Yes	No
Location	<input type="text"/>	
Gas type	<input type="text"/>	

Workshop	Yes	No
Location	<input type="text"/>	
Gas type	<input type="text"/>	
Gas type	<input type="text"/>	
Gas type	<input type="text"/>	

Fuel storage

Above ground storage	Yes	No
Total ltrs	<input type="text"/>	
Location	<input type="text"/>	

Below ground storage	Yes	No
Total ltrs	<input type="text"/>	
Location	<input type="text"/>	

Drums of fuel stored on property	Yes	No
Total ltrs	<input type="text"/>	
Location	<input type="text"/>	

Hazardous chemicals

Yes	No	Fertilizers
Yes	No	Herbicides/weedicide
Yes	No	Chlorine

Total ltrs:

Location:

Other:

Firearms

Yes	No	Ammunition
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Mitigation

Mitigation is taking steps to reduce the risk of bush fire damage to homes, structures, crops, livestock, equipment and the environment. You should undertake mitigation activities well in advance of the bush fire season and keep up the maintenance work all year round. Make sure they are included in your Action Plan.

Livestock

The risk of injury to, or destruction of, farm animals during bush fire can most easily be reduced by preparing and maintaining fuel-reduced areas onto which stock can be moved and held. This means planning to use fallow paddocks, well grazed smaller paddocks or raceways, irrigated pasture or summer crop areas. The ideal location is one which:

- contains a water supply
- has clear access
- has shade
- is well fenced
- is well grazed with minimum fuel to carry fire.

If you will be away during the day, consider moving stock into the safe paddock the night before a Total Fire Ban day.

Building preparedness *(Identify on the map of your property the mitigation activities you have undertaken)*

Houses, sheds and other structures on your property

Yes	No	Are ground fuels (long, dry grass, dead leaves and branches, thick undergrowth) cleared around the house?
Yes	No	Do you keep the grass around the house short and green? (water restrictions may need to be taken into account).
Yes	No	Are the eaves and openings boxed in including under your house, sheds and other structures?
Yes	No	Is the vegetation around the house not providing a path for fire? Plant or clear vegetation in clumps, rather than continuous rows
Yes	No	Is garden and general rubbish removed from around all structures?

Fuel-reduced breaks *(Identify on the map of your property the mitigation activities you have undertaken)*

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| Yes | No | Do you have a ploughed firebreak around the home paddock? |
| Yes | No | Do you have a stock rotation plan to keep paddocks near buildings well-grazed? |
| Yes | No | Have you constructed firebreaks around inside of you property fence lines? |
| Yes | No | Do you prune low tree branches 2m from the ground and separate tree crowns? |
| Yes | No | Do you have a maintenance plan to prepare firebreaks each year? |

Paddocks *(Identify on the map of your property the mitigation activities you have undertaken)*

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|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | Do you have a ploughed firebreak around each of the paddock boundaries to reduce the spread of fire? |
| Yes | No | Do you have a stock rotation plan to keep paddocks well-grazed? |
| Yes | No | Have you constructed firebreaks around the inside of your property fence lines to protect crops from fire entering your property? |
| Yes | No | Do you have a relocation plan for stock in the event of fire? |

Boundary fire breaks *(Identify on the map of your property the mitigation activities you have undertaken)*

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|-----|----|---|
| Yes | No | Do you have ploughed firebreaks? |
| Yes | No | Do you have sealed roads around your property? |
| Yes | No | Have you slashed areas to reduce the risk of fire? |
| Yes | No | Do you have a maintenance plan to prepare firebreaks each year? |