



Fire preparedness and prevention

We understand that fire preparedness and prevention are a high priority in the community due to the impact it can have on private and public land. We implement measures to manage the fire risk on the land we own or manage. In accordance with our key business objectives, legislative responsibilities and general principles of fire management.

Hazard Identification

Immediately prior to the fire danger period each year the surrounds of physical facilities such as buildings, reservoirs and pump stations are inspected and the fuel hazard assessed.

The method of assessment is in accordance with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) publication 'Roadside Fire Management Guidelines'.

The facilities assessed include channels in the immediate vicinity of built-up urban areas. Other channels may be inspected and included in the program where they pose an obvious threat to surrounding land and property.

If the facility and/or the surrounding land and property are assessed as a high fire risk, a suitable hazard reduction program will be undertaken.

Hazard Reduction

The hazard reduction program will consist of slashing, application of herbicides or controlled burning. The method employed will take into account the particular circumstances of the site and the extent of the hazard reduction required.

Slashing is the preferred method of reducing fuel load and controlling the threat of fire.

Herbicides will be used where access or safety issues prevent slashing, and for controlling weed growth in areas difficult to access.

When required, controlled burning will be carried out under suitable conditions by local CFA brigades within constructed fire breaks around our assets. Burning is not a suitable method of hazard reduction in the vicinity of buildings or structures.



Further Information

For further information on our fire preparedness and prevention please contact our Sustainable Resources team through our Customer Call Centre on 1300 659 961.

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