

This Community Profiling Tool for (Rural) Fire Services is a product of the Understanding Communities Project which is within the Bushfire CRC. This tool has developed out of research with communities and the fire services that serve them. The tool is about identifying the types of people who live in a community, local institutions and organisations, the issues for fire services, where to get the information (some of which is already held by fire agencies), and potential community engagement techniques. Background to the development of the tool and how it might be used will be presented. Comments on the usefulness will be sought. For example, are items missing, to which level of the organisation/s is the information best suited, are some items irrelevant.