

The Integrated Fire Management Planning Framework for Victoria

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As a consequence of recommendations from the Inquiry into the 2002-2003 Victorian Bushfires (VBI), an extensive consultation process has culminated in the Integrated Fire management Planning (IFMP) framework for Victoria providing a mechanism for a holistic strategic approach to fire management planning for all fire risk environments and the use of fire for cultural and ecological purpose. IFMP brings a paradigm shift by changing the focus from traditional silos of PPRR of separate agency responsibilities to a landscape view of the fire management needs in a locality / landscape. This is very much a view through the customer lens of doing business. Critical to IFMP is the 3 tiered planning approach with a State, 8 Regional and 85 Municipal level planning units. Supported by risk analysis approaches and a dedicated independent fire planning support team each level will have responsibility to deliver the service most appropriate to it. A State fire management planning committee will deliver consistent policy and provide the appropriate environment for the integrated framework; the Regional committees will undertake the strategic analysis and plan for their region while at the municipal and local level treatments will be delivered in a cooperative way that services local communities.