### Integrated Planning and Building Framework for Bushfire in Victoria

#### Hazard Level

**Extreme and Significant Bushfire Hazard (BHL2)**
- Areas of extreme and significant loads where there is potential for bushfire behaviour such as a crown fire, significant levels of radiant heat and extreme ember attack.
- Vegetation patch size of 4ha or greater with a 150 metre ember protection buffer applied.
- Locations potentially subject to extreme ember attack and other extreme bushfire behaviour.

**Moderate to High Bushfire Hazard (BHL1)**
- Areas with unmanaged grasslands and smaller patches of more significant vegetation where there is potential for moderate to high bushfire behaviour such as a crown fire, grass fire and ember attack.
- Vegetation patch size of 2ha or greater with a variable ember protection buffer of 60 metres, 150 metres or 300 metres depending on vegetation type.
- Unmanaged grasslands.
- Other locations potentially subject to ember attack.

**Low Bushfire Hazard (BHL Low)**
- Areas where the extent, configuration and/or management of vegetation means there is low potential for bushfires.
- Areas where the criteria for an extreme / significant bushfire hazard or moderate to high bushfire hazard is not met.

#### Statutory Response

**BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT OVERLAY (Planning Schemes)**
- Responses are:
  - Planning permit requirement for new homes, subdivisions and vulnerable uses.
  - New development to be accompanied by bushfire protection measures (defendable space, construction standard for bushfire, access, siting, water, consideration of the wider landscape).
  - New residential lots created with bushfire protection measures approved and no need for any further bushfire approvals.

**BUSHFIRE PRONE AREA (Building Regulations)**
- Responses are:
  - New development to be accompanied by bushfire protection measures: construction standards for bushfire. This is determined using AS3959 : 2009 Building in a Bushfire Prone Area.
  - Requirement for ember protection in new development.
  - No requirement to repeat a bushfire site assessment if undertaken under the Bushfire Management Overlay.

#### Key Responses

**10/50 RULE (Clause 52.48)**
- Vegetation Exemptions

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