



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, CLIMATE CHANGE AND BIODIVERSITY
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Inquiry into the ACT environment's bushfire preparedness

Terms of Reference

The Committee will inquire and report on the ACT's bushfire preparedness with particular reference to:

- A. The environmental factors contributing to bushfires in the ACT and surrounding areas, including any role of weather, drought, climate change, fuel loads and human activity;
- B. The impact of bushfires on climate emissions, climate adaption, and biodiversity;
- C. Bushfire risk, resilience, and potential impacts, including consideration of the impact of bushfire on the ACT community, wildlife, and flora;
- D. Management of bushfire risks and bushfire preparedness of ACT parks, reserves and other open spaces, including:
 - i. preparation and planning by government, the community and other entities;
 - ii. current and historical approaches to land management; and
 - iii. the role of cultural land management practices;
- E. The condition of ACT parks, reserves and other open spaces, including consideration of fuel loads and emergency access;
- F. Coordination and between environmental agencies and other government agencies in relation to bushfire risk and management;
- G. Cross-border risks and issues, particularly engagement with New South Wales and the Commonwealth; and
- H. Any other matters that the Committee deems appropriate in relation to environmental preparedness bushfires.