



Amendment to 'Guidelines for State Bushfire Coordination Committee & Bushfire Management Committees' (January 2018) - Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) Amendments

This amendment wholly replaces the content of 'BMAP Amendment Agreement and Approval' contained on page 38 of the 'Guidelines for State Bushfire Coordination Committee and Bushfire Management Committees' (2018).

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1. Bushfire Management Area Plan (BMAP) Amendments

BMAP amendments, as a standing BMC and SBCC meeting agenda item, should be prioritised to keep BMAPs up to date and maintain the accuracy of BMAP information between formal four yearly reviews¹.

An amendment may be undertaken as either a **minor** or **major** amendment (as defined within these Guidelines). All amendments must be approved by both the BMC and SBCC, and, where the amendment is major, public consultation must be undertaken allowing for a period of 6 weeks² for public comment. This process is illustrated in *Figure 1* below.

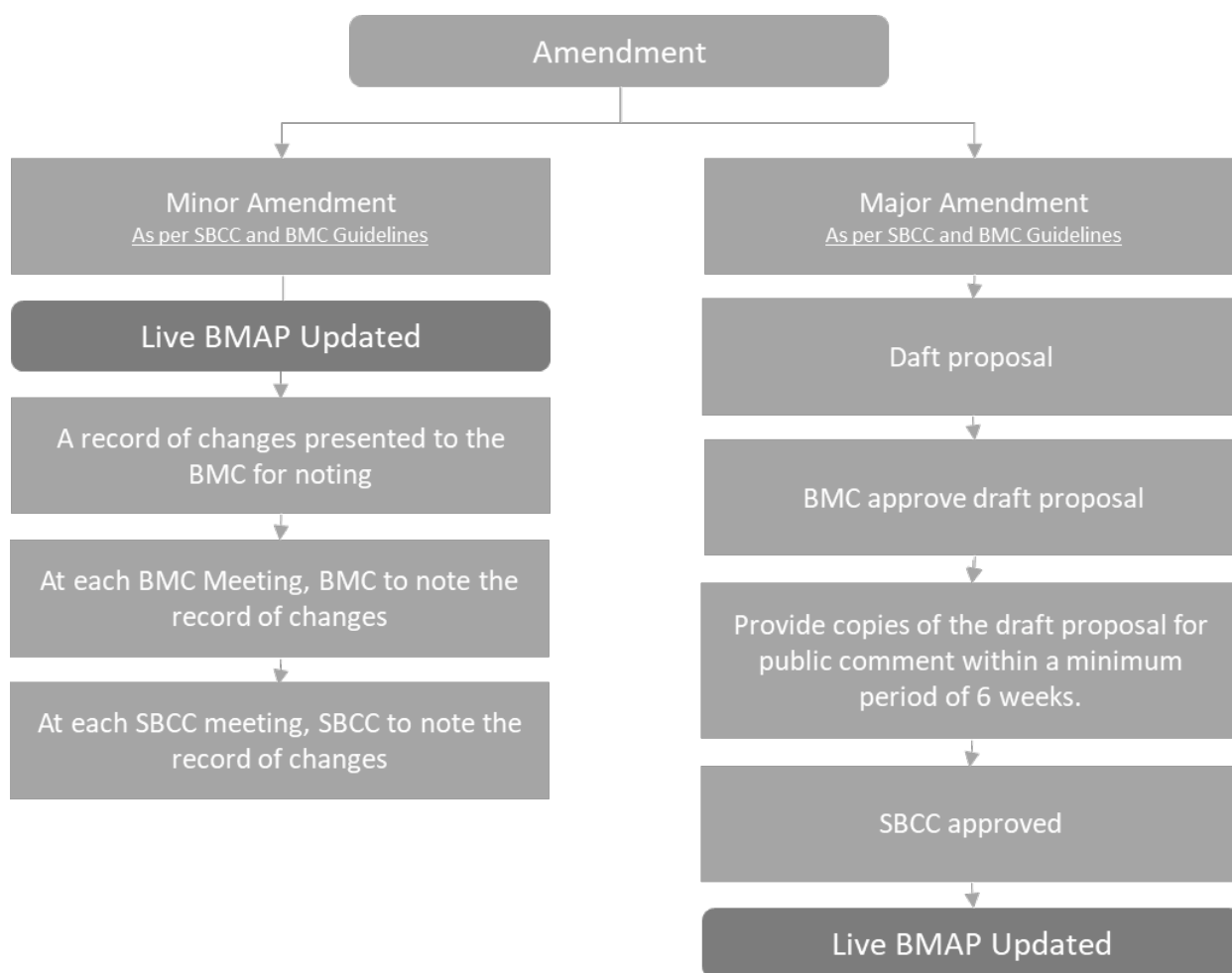


Figure 1 BMAP Amendment Process

¹ Four yearly review of the BMAP required under section 73A(5)(a) of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005* (SA)

² Section 28 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021*



1.1. Minor Amendments

The BMC and the SBCC will note minor amendments at formally constituted committee meetings.

A minor amendment, as per section 73A(8) of the FES Act, is defined as an amendment made;

- *To ensure a BMAP is consistent with the State Bushfire Management Plan; or*
- *To remove or replace information in the plan that has been superseded by information that is more reliable or up-to-date; or*
- *In order to make a change in form.*

Examples of minor amendments include (but are not limited to):

- Corrections (inaccuracies, changes of ownership, inclusion of information previously missed, reflecting impacts of bushfire incidents in the sense of asset removal).
- Changes in material circumstances resulting in changes to risk ratings and treatments (eg. clearance being undertaken resulting in increased separation distance).
- Changes in external standards (eg. changes to AS3959 or the Building Code of Australia that impact risk ratings).
- Changes in available information (eg. new and improved data or modelling that updates a risk rating and may then result in a change in risk reduction treatments applied to the asset the subject of the risk assessment, or to the treatment itself).
- Any amendment undertaken as part of the implementation of an action approved by the BMC and SBCC.
- Updates to supporting data and mapping layers.

1.2. Major Amendments

All major amendments must, as per section 73A(7) of the FES Act, be prepared as a draft and;

- Be reviewed and approved by the BMC; and
- Publicised for 6 weeks³ through public notice with interested persons invited to provide written comment; and
- Be approved by the SBCC.

Major amendments include:

- New groups of assets across multiple land tenures with multiple owners/managers, or new developments
- Changes of land use
- Any other amendment that does not constitute a minor amendment.

³ Section 28 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021*



1.2.1. Major Amendments - Consultation

Where a major amendment is proposed it must be released for public consultation allowing for a minimum period of 6 weeks.⁴ Under section 73A(7)(b) of the FES Act, the BMC must also take reasonable steps to consult on the major amendment with:

- the State Bushfire Coordination Committee; and
- any SACFS organisation specified by the Chief Officer of SACFS (for example, brigades and Groups in an area covered by a proposed major amendment); and
- a public sector agency (within the meaning of the *Public Sector Act 2009*) designated by the Minister; and
- any Council whose area is wholly or partly within the relevant bushfire management area; and
- any regional Landscape Board whose region is wholly or partly within the relevant bushfire management area; and
- any other person or body, or person or body of a class, prescribed by the regulations for the purposes of this subsection (note that currently none are specified).

In most cases – other than SACFS brigades and Groups as noted above – the organisations listed are members of the SBCC and/or BMCs and additional consultation will not be required. However, the intent of the consultation process is to ensure that those entities directly impacted by the proposed major amendment would be provided with the opportunity to comment. If, for example, a school or business was included within the area, the relevant authority would be invited to comment.

⁴ Section 28 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Regulations 2021*