



## State Bushfire Coordination Committee

### MINUTES

Meeting 6/10

5 May 2023

09:00 – 12:00hrs

Ground Floor Training Rooms, Emergency Services Headquarters

<b>Attendance</b>	Mr Brett Loughlin AFSM ACO Anthea Howard Ms Kylie Egan Ms Fiona Gill ( <i>online</i> ) Ms Jude Formston Ms Justine Drew Ms Monique Blason Mr Michael Garrod Cr Paul Yeomans Ms Sarah Reachill ( <i>online</i> ) Mr Peter White ( <i>online</i> ) ACO Cameron Devey ACFO Peter Button AC Stuart McLean Ms Ali Walsh	Chair ( <i>ex officio</i> ) Executive Officer Member, Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) Member, Department for Environment and Water (DEW) Member, Department of Infrastructure and Transport (DIT) Member, Department of Primary Industries and Regions (PIRSA) Member, ForestrySA Member, Landscape SA Member, Local Government Association of SA (LGASA) Member, Native Vegetation Council (NVC) Member, Primary Producers SA (PPSA) Member, SA Country Fire Service (SACFS) Member, SA Metropolitan Fire Service (SAMFS) Member, SA Police (SAPOL) Member, SA Power Networks (SAPN)
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr Mark Ashley Mr Andrew Cadd ( <i>online</i> ) Mr Troy Fountain  Mr James Crocker Ms Brook Swaffer Ms Jan Ferguson OAM	Member, Conservation Council of South Australia (CCSA) Member, Country Fire Service Volunteers Association (CFS VA) Member, Planning and Land Use Services, Department for Trade and Investment (PLUS-DTI)  Member, SA Water Deputy, SA Water Member, Outback Communities Authority (OCA)
<b>Observers and Guests</b>	Mr David Loveder Ms Alison May Ms Philippa Moore	Observer, SA Water Observer (Deputy), SACFS Administrative Support, SACFS



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### 1. Welcome

The Chair (Mr Loughlin) welcomed attendees and opened the meeting at 9:02am and gave an Acknowledgement of Country.

Recent appointments noted.

### 2. Apologies

The Chair noted observers, attendees online, and apologies received.

### 3. Safety Briefing

The Executive Officer outlined the evacuation procedures for the building and the location of exit and meeting points.

### 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest/Probity Matters

The Chair asked for a declaration of any Conflicts of Interest or Probity Matters, and asked that any conflicts be raised, or if they arose throughout the course of the meeting be declared and managed at that point in time.

None were raised at the outset.

### 5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes of Meeting

The draft minutes of the State Bushfire Coordination Committee (SBCC) meeting of 18 November 2022 were considered for confirmation.

An amendment was requested to clarify item 8.5.2 Agency update, that the two references to the Minister be updated to note that this is the Minister for Climate and Water.

Ali Walsh (SA Power Networks (SAPN)) noted the good work of the Grain Harvesters in preparation for farmers.

SBCC resolved as follows:

*That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2022 are confirmed as amended as a true and correct record.*

**Moved:** Ms Monique Blason (ForestrySA)

**Seconded:** Ms Kylie Egan (BOM)

**Carried.**

*That the outcome of the out-of-session vote held on 10 March 2023 is confirmed as a true and correct record.*

**Moved:** AC Stuart McLean (SAPOL)

**Seconded:** Mr Michael Garrod (LandscapeSA)

**Carried.**



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### 6. Business Arising from the Minutes

#### 6.1 Status Report

The Chair referred to the briefing note circulated and invited the Executive Officer to provide a verbal update.

##### 6.1.1 SBCC Membership

##### 6.1.2 Australian Fire Danger Rating System Update

Comment: challenges of training fuel state editors, operational team at SAPN suspected that may be the case after review of data around Port Lincoln. Suspected that the fuel state data wasn't as up to date as required. Both old and new systems were referred to which caused operational challenges. New FBIs are not as accurate as feedback from those working on the ground.

ForestrySA also experiencing similar conflicts in relation to the roll out of the AFDRS and implications of overpredictions of the system and the impact on operations. ForestrySA are working to align the old and new system to determine the best operational approach. Appreciate that it is early days for the system.

The Chair confirmed that as an agency, the South Australian Country Fire Service (SACFS) have similar concerns. It is recognised that there are challenges associated with the implementation.

Cameron Davey (SACFS) outlined that implementation phase (finalising policy and internal policy in relation to AFDRS) is due for completion by 30 June 2023. Simeon Telfer (SACFS) is working on the fire behaviour science and addressing fuel load issues. Once implemented as business as usual, Simeon will work closely with the Australian Fire Authorities Council (AFAC) to address concerns and monitor fire behaviour.

Action - examples of concerns be sent to SACFS to consider and address.

The Chair acknowledged that concerns have been identified nationally post fire season.

Kylie Egan (BOM) noted there are known concerns with modelling for some specific fuels (pine, mallee heath, and some grasses) are not suitably established in the system. Acknowledged that is very difficult to compare two systems. There is no easy solution as we are working with very granular fuel type across the state predictions.

Monique Blason (ForestrySA) identified that their large estate is heavily impacted by fire bans. Impacts are broad and include resourcing and impacts on the public. Messaging has been challenging. Reviewing where the fire danger districts are.

The Chair acknowledged that the issue is broad and has likely been foreshadowed with this committee for a few years.

Changes have resulted in 13 more days extreme/27 more days per year in high danger rating. Increase in operational activities. Change in modelling for grass fires on 29 March 2023 which will impact future not yet identified.

Action – Monique Blason (ForestrySA) requested that the data above presented by Cameron Davey. Data



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to be obtained from SAPN and ForestrySA re observations and AFDRS.

Kylie Egan (BOM) indicated that the new models are very sensitive to fuel information entered comparatively to the old model.

Grass areas are also impacted resulting in the introduction of a non-scientific based fuel load cap. The Chair indicated that it was his preference to retain a scientific approach to fire danger prediction.

*SBCC noted the status report provided on matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 18 November 2022.*

### 7. Correspondence

*SBCC noted the correspondence from 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023.*

### 8. Business items

#### 8.1 State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025 – Implementation Update

The Executive Officer referred to the briefing note circulated regarding the implementation of the *State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025*.

Major focus has been the Risk Reduction Plans (RRPs). RRP's are now on the SBCC website. Agencies are visible implementing the priority actions identified. Work has been completed internally to acknowledge lessons from prior years. Workshop will be process driven to ensure that in future it is managed more effectively in future.

##### 8.1.1 Interim BMAP Process – Annual Risk Reduction Plans

##### 8.1.2 BMAP 2.0 Update

Resourcing work is being carried out. The Chair highlighted the extensive work being done to obtain funding from State or Commonwealth Governments. SACFS have budget bids awaiting response.

If funding is not available from government, SBCC will need to discuss other options for funding.

BMCCs are keen to ensure this is progressed as soon as possible. Resourcing is a challenge.

Ali Walsh (SAPN) raised that resourcing concerns were identified early.

Manager of BMPs review of fire track standard to be August meeting for the committee consideration.

##### 8.1.3 Governance Review Update

Cost pressure approved for governance review.

Procurement changes have impacted the pace of this work. Is progressing slowly however it is



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unlikely that this will be complete by the end of 2023.

Monique Blason (ForestrySA) asked a question regarding what will be presented. Anthea clarified that it will be a presentation regarding 'how the bushfire management plans to run a process'.

Fiona Gill (DEW) asked about the Fire Tracks work and what the strategic driver is. It is not specifically mentioned in the SBMP. It is presumed that it is sourced from action 4.2. Fiona asked why this piece of work is a priority, why it is being completed now and why not a higher priority piece of work in the SBMP.

The Executive Officer indicated that it is a standalone piece of work that can be dealt with in terms of risk reduction activities as part of the overarching redraw of an integration of the handbook. The difficulty of progressing the wider handbook review ahead of implementing a new software framework is that the nature of the software itself will be a significant driver in terms of the rewrite.

However, the specific parameters to include within risk reduction treatment activity parameters are things we can plan within the software (fire access are vital elements).

Easy piece of work to carve off and establish business rules around to work towards the future updates in the absence of broader progress in the BMAP 2.0 software.

*SBCC noted the briefing regarding the State Bushfire Management Plan 2021-2025 – Implementation Update.*

### **8.2 Flinders Mid North Yorke and Outback BMAs – Boundary Amendment**

Permission has been obtained from the Minister to make a submission for the boundary amendment which will go through shortly. The two BMCs met to plan working concurrently.

*SBCC noted the briefing on the Flinders Mid North Yorke and Outback BMAs Boundary Amendment.*

### **8.3 Heads of Agencies Steering Committee Conclusion**

Update provided by Fiona Gill (DEW)

The Heads of Agencies Committee was formed in 2009 and included CFS, SA Water, ForestrySA, DEW. The committee was established to bring a strategic approach to bushfire management on State public lands.

Arrangements for public land management have changed significantly and elements captured by the Code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Lands (once adopted by the Heads of Agency Committee) are captured in State Doctrine, SBMP, and memorandums of understanding or administrative arrangements.

Under action 2.2 of the SBMP governance review, the Heads of Agencies Committee reviewed itself and agreed to move to an informal basis meeting biannually.

An action is needed to formally rescind the code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Lands. If in



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carrying out this work a gap is identified (e.g. not captured elsewhere), it will be moved into the BMAP Handbook review to be addressed.

Monique Blason (ForestrySA) acknowledged the good work achieved by Fiona and her team at DEW. The Chair seconded this acknowledgement.

*The SBCC noted as follows:*

*The conclusion of Heads of Agencies Steering Committee in its current format.*

*The retirement of the Heads of Agencies Memorandum of Administrative Arrangement.*

*The retirement of the Code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Land in South Australia by the Heads of Agencies Steering Committee.*

*The matters covered by the Code will be considered in the review of the Bushfire Management Area Plan Handbook (State Bushfire Management Plan Action 4.1).*

*The likely continuation of the Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Cooperative, reporting to Bushfire Management Committees as needed.*

*SBCC resolved as follows:*

*That the State Bushfire Coordination Committee formally rescinds the Committee's standing endorsement of the Code of Practice for Fire Management on Public Land in South Australia*

**Moved:** Mr Michael Garrod (Landscape SA)

**Seconded:** ACO Cameron Devey (SACFS)

**Carried.**

### 8.4 SBCC 2022-2023 Annual Report Draft Format

The Executive Officer gave a briefing regarding the SBCC 2022-2023 Annual Report Draft Format.

Report was significantly voluminous last year, with several reporting streams.

Stream 1: LGA: Local government included statistical and narrative, in addition LGAs reported on activities associated with the BMAP.

Stream 2: State Agencies and Statutory Corporations: invited to report on their work in a narrative manner.

State 3: Peak bodies: Risk reduction activities for fuel load management were reported by member agencies and organizations.



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Lastly, a risk reduction activity table was developed from a fuel management perspective was also used to develop a table as part of this reporting.

Some challenges associated with BMAPs and volume of narrative reporting.

It is proposed that reporting is consolidate reporting approach and streamlined and that risk reduction plans are a core reporting for the BMAP.

SACFS are proposing for the 2022-2023 Annual Report (to be sent out in the next fortnight) that organisations provide the following:

- Report status of activities are reported in risk reduction plans
- Completion of a data survey to capture information
- An opportunity to provide additional narrative to cover activities do not contain in risk reduction plans.

Extra work imposed on local government has been removed and attempted to implement a common approach across all organisations. Briefing contains a timeline and the indicative content. It was noted that SBCC are not required to use the State Government/DPC annual reporting format.

Ali Walsh (SAPN) questioned is there is any opportunity to discuss AFDRS. Anthea indicated that it is best covered under activities in SBCC functions.

Jude Formson (DIT) indicated reporting is challenging from DIT as data is not captured based on the BMC boundaries. The Executive Officer indicated that Fuel management data survey will capture information and narrative would suffice.

Fiona Gill (DWE) noted continuing concern for obtaining funding for the BMAP 2.0. Questioned the intention to frankly record these concerns in the Annual Report. The Chair stated that it would be remiss of SBCC to not use this opportunity to address this major concern and highlight this in the Annual Report.

The Chair noted that the coming years are likely to provide a challenging fire season due to weather conditions. This provides an opportunity for us as agencies to highlight our achievements despite the limitations. It was noted that an extract from last year's annual report (table of activities) which identified the work achieved despite the lack of funding.

Comment from Michael Garrod (Landscape SA) role in bushfire preparedness and committed to supporting the reporting process from those that do not manage land but do contribute to this work.

*The State Bushfire Coordination Committee endorsed the proposed draft agency reporting format for the 2022-2023 Annual Report, as follows:*

- *Annual reporting invitations for local government, State agencies and statutory corporations*



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*include the following components:*

- *Reporting on status of activities proposed in the 2022-2023 risk reduction plans.*
- *Completion of a data survey regarding fuel management activities undertaken in 2022-2023.*
- *An opportunity to provide additional narrative or data on activities undertaken that are not covered by the risk reduction plans or the data survey.*
- *Annual reporting invitations for peak bodies and agencies with a policy interest in bushfire risk management include the following component:*
  - *An opportunity to provide narrative or data on activities undertaken that are not covered by the risk reduction plans or the data survey.*
- *All agencies will also be invited to submit case studies of activities undertaken.*

**Moved:** Ali Walsh (SAPN)

**Seconded:** Justine Drew (PIRSA)

**Carried.**

### 8.5 Bushfire Management Committee Nominations

The nominations were provided in meeting materials.

*The SBCC confirmed the requested appointments as being from agencies prescribed by the SBCC in the composition of the BMCs, and appointed the persons listed to the relevant BMC for the remainder of the current three-year term of BMCs.*

**Moved:** Monique Blason (ForestrySA)

**Seconded:** Stuart McLean (SAPOL)

**Carried.**

### 8.6 SBCC and BMC Functional Support Framework

The Executive Officer gave a briefing regarding the SBCC and BMC Functional Support Framework.

Lessons identified from the risk reduction process last year in terms of executive support for BMCs. This included a lack of consistency impacted by internal alignment and governance has been impacted.

Internally SACFS embarked on a project across three Directorates Legal and Governance, Community Risk and Resilience, and regional Services and Operations to clarify functions and activities in relation to the arrangements from SBCC. SBCC secretariat (L&G), Regions support BMCs (Regions), staff in Bushfire Management Planning Unit (BMPU) are dedicated to planning. Functions and roles have been agreed upon by SACFS.





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Tasks are clearly allocated to executive support as mandated by the Fire and Emergency Services Act to be provided by SACFS. Core functions of the BMPU are around providing project and policy support to the committees and providing expert bushfire management advice to BMCs. Meeting materials provide detailed tasking information.

Regional Commanders have been provided with a detailed briefing to ensure SACFS staff are supporting BMCs accordingly. Identified key areas of work to be completed including Executive Officer and Chairs to receive governance training and encouraged to put forward appropriate staff.

Ali Walsh (SAPN) highlighted the IBR required a dedicated role for SBCC that is fully funded. The Chair responded that both governments have committed to implement the IBR however the funding has not been received in full. SACFS will continue to prompt both the State and Federal Governments to support the recommended actions.

Justine Drew (PIRSA) acknowledged the work achieved, stating it reflects the broad range of work required. The Chair agreed.

Monique Blason (ForestrySA) noted that some BMCs are moving away from meeting on MS Teams post COVID. Questioned why this is occurring. The Executive Officer noted meeting take a workshop format which can be challenging and there are also issues about the availability of technical equipment. Monique raised the issue of regional locations and the impact of not being able to attend on ForestrySA. The Chair acknowledged that we need to ensure that we take a sustainable approach for meetings allowing those in region areas attend.

Action – the Chair asked that Alison May (SACFS) follow up with the BMPU team regarding this.

Stuart McLean (SAPOL) suggest we scope the reason for online attendance and encouraging those to attend in person where possible.

*SBCC noted the SBCC and BMC functional support arrangements identified by SACFS.*

### 8.7 2023 SBCC Meeting Dates

The Executive Officer outlined the scheduling the process and apologies for the delayed release of meeting dates for 2023.

*SBCC noted the proposed meeting dates for the Committee for the remainder of 2023, as follows: 18 August, and 4 December.*

### 8.8 Agency Matters (verbal updates)

#### 8.8.1 Member's Call

Justine Drew (PIRSA) updates regarding SACFS Smoke Management Policy and the Harvest Code of Practice. The smoke management guidelines were launched in March and have been well received. Joint correspondence has gone out from PIRSA and SACFAS regarding the permit systems. Ongoing education and industry engagement will continue. Interesting to note that smoke damage remains as per previous



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years which highlights the importance of ongoing education and industry engagement will continue. The Harvest Code of Practice working group meetings are going well and it was noted that there is a desire to develop public information to develop materials for education and engagement.

Fiona Gill (DEW) indicated that the SACFS Smoke Management Policy is intended to be supported by guidelines, with a second guideline to be developed by DEW. DEW would like to prepare additional guidelines around burning of natural vegetation. Effort will be invested in the coming months to address this policy gap. The Chair acknowledged the work of DEW around prescribed burning over a challenging autumn.

Cameron Davey (SACFS) commented that Harvest Code of Practice working group is progressing well. The next meeting will focus on cease activities. A briefing will be developed for the next meeting to provide a thorough update. Monique Blason (ForestrySA) asked which agencies are on this committee, Cameron will provide information to Monique out of session. The Chair noted that the Government was very specific regarding the need for the group to focus in broad acre burning.

Jude Formston (DIT) introduced herself at request of the Chair.

Monique Blason (ForestrySA) advised that ForestrySA are about to start annual residue burning before it gets too wet. The Chair commended ForestrySA on their launch and noted regarding forestry tenure.

Paul Yeomans (LGASA) introduced himself and background. The Chair thanked Paul for joining.

Fiona Gill (DEW) acknowledged Richard DeGroot's achievements over his career noting he is retiring today. The Chair later seconded Fiona's sentiments.

DEW is developing a new fire management plan for Kangaroo Island Parks. It has received a lot of attention from multiple groups. Draft version is hoped to be released in the next month or two subject to the Minister's direction. Many recommendations are those not approved of by stakeholder groups due to the environmental impacts. Consultation is open for six weeks upon release of the draft. The Chair commended the work carried out by DEW and noted the complexity of the environment in Kangaroo Island.

Peter White (PPSA) identified that some confusion has arisen amongst producers regarding the Harvest Code of Practice and that additional work on the requirements. Communication around the code was completed as well as it could have been. The Chair acknowledged that it would have been better communicated and advised that work is being carried.

Alison May (SACFS) outlined the Grain Harvesting Code of Practice working group membership. Kylie Egan (BOM) noted that the Bureau has been attending the working group as an observer. The Chair will ensure that Forestry SA will be invited to upcoming meetings as an observer herein.

Kylie Egan (BOM) noted that the Fire Season has finished and the BOM have basic statistics for this season that can be circulated to the committee. There were 52 fire weather warnings issued (45 in 2023 is the lowest and 160 being the highest). The Chair noted the accuracy improved over the season.



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### 9. Other Business

None

5 minute break (10:40 - 10:45am)

### 10. State Bushfire Management Plan – Mid-Term Review Discussion

Executive Officer provided a presentation of the State Bushfire Management Plan – Mid-Term Review Discussion.

Although a first State Plan was developed however never progressed. The State Bushfire Management Plan 2021 – 2025 incorporated actions, findings, and recommendations from the Independent Review into South Australia's 2019 – 2020 Bushfire Season. The plan was developed at a time of sub optimal functioning of SBCC and the actions within were extensive and not well resources. It was determined that a midterm review be undertaken to take stock.

Priorities to date have been considering indicative works plans and priorities, regulatory focus including BMAPS and governance fundamentals, and attempting to work with exiting BMAPs as an interim measure.

#### Action 1.1 – State Level Risk Assessment:

Not yet commenced. Remains a major gap, this requirement is a legislated however remains unfunded. A collation approach is likely to provide more options to move forward on given various projects. Grant bids to support this work have been unsuccessful.

#### Action 2.1 – 2.5 Governance Reforms:

Compliance achieved for reporting and sitting fees (commenced)

Structure and composition of SBCC and BMCs (not yet commenced – minus heads of agencies)

Assurance and reporting framework – reporting (complete) assurance (partially complete)

Explore relationship between SBCC and SEMC, the SBMP and the SEMP (not yet commenced)

Ali Walsh (SAPN) asked for clarity around the Crown Advice

DPC priorities have changed to reforming the Emergency Management Act, so this relationship has been de-prioritised.

Data gaps and improved data use (data gaps / data use)



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### Action 3.1 -Environmental Approvals Processes:

Not yet commenced will require regulatory reform. Very little appetite from Government for this.

### Actions 4.1 – 4.3 BMAP 2.0:

Review BMAP Handbook – software capability needed prior to handbook preparation (not yet commenced)

Development of BMAP 2.0 – commenced scoping of new software undertaken – further action subject to funding. Interim review of BMAPs through development of Risk Reduction Plans

Integration of Bushfire Safer Places and Last Report Refuges within BMAPs – SACFS initiated a review however this has not progressed due to lack of funding. SACFS have repeatedly unsuccessfully obtained funding for this work.

### Action 5.1 – Community Risk Reduction:

SACFS have commenced an internal review of Community Risk Reduction.

Promotion of activities within Member agencies and organizations has not yet been coordinated.

Member agencies have been reporting on their activities through the BMC process.

Project to be completed by January/February 2024.

### Key Issues to be discussed

Resourcing – current and future (staff and software)

Regulatory Reform

Government appetite

Multi-portfolio

The Chair acknowledged the significant work achieved and the transition from a combative environment to a collegial and mature SBCC. Huge leaps and bounds have been achieved.

Michael Garrod (Landscape SA) asked a question regarding the subject to funding items. Asked if the failure to funding has been the result of the political perspective that funding should be reallocated to prioritise this work. Is that the expectation and is the response don't come to us looking for more money – repurpose the money you have. The Chair outlined that SACFS have an \$80 million budget and that we as a fire service are quite under utilised. The Productivity Commission Report indicates that fire services in SA are the lowest funded in Australia.



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In SA fire services \$129 per person per hour versus a with the national average at \$209 per person per hour. It is not possible to reprofile money. Michael clarified that he wasn't suggesting that there was any additional money, more questioning the Government's approach/sentiment. The Chair advised that SACFS have sought funding on multiple occasions with limited success. SBCC requirements are competing with internal requirements including aviation and safety.

If SBCC requirements continue to be seen as a CFS issue, it will continue to be assessed against the Emergency Management levy which is not commensurate to need. Suggest that it should be a broader issue as the limitations to funding are limiting capacity. It is clear that a new approach is required. Considerations around funding and requests for funding require an alternative approach. Approaching multiple Ministers as a committee in the lead up to the midyear budget bids.

Peter Button (SAMFS) noted that some of these issues are becoming WHS issues due to lack of resourcing.

Fiona Gill (DEW) noted that it is seen as a CFS issue however all Departments support statutory committees. Fiona suggested that it would be beneficial for the committee to have broad costings and priorities to advocate for the financial need. The Executive noted that budget submissions are made in confidence. The Chair agreed that as the budget bids have been declined so costings can be shared with the committee and noted he was willing to take the risk to share these.

Fiona Gill (DEW) noted the benefit of having an independent Chair – it hampers ability to be effective as a committee whilst the Chair is a public servant. SACFS will fund the governance review as a cost pressure to facilitate the potential change which is hoped to highlight this review.

Monique Blason (Forestry SA) agreed that it would be best to collectively advocate for funding. Monique highlighted the benefit of having multiple ministers at cabinet briefed in the need. More than government agencies represented by this committee who have supporting industry advocates who can lobby from a political perspective.

Cameron Devey (SACFS) made the point of highlighting the threat to life and the opportunity to highlight developing resilience. Alison May (SACFS) noted the stakeholder who will see immediate benefit for the work from BMAP. SACFS have developed a brochure illustrating this and will share prior to the August meeting to supporting lobbying.

Monique Blason (Forestry SA) raised the possibility of engaging independent members to advocate for funding for BMAP 2.0 as the key priority for the committee.

Alison May (SACFS) showed a copy of the brochure developed to illustrate the stakeholder groups who will benefit from BMAP 2.0 which can be used to advocate for funding.

### Regulatory Reform

Constraints to actions proposed in the plan around revision of the Fire and Emergency Services Act. No appetite for revision of the Act. Administrative requirements of the Act (not Regulations) could be alleviated through regulatory reform. Ability to adjust administrative requirements such as those enshrined in legislation including Chair, approvals, and the process of managing membership.



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Monique Blason (Forestry SA) questioned the lack of motivation for legislative change. The Chair acknowledged the issues associated with making adjustments to the Fire and Emergency Services Act.

If the outcome of the governance review is that regulatory reform is required that would make the work unhelpful. The Chair will consider this with government and then if required refocus the scope of the governance review to identify what can be achieved outside of regulatory reform.

Alison May (SACFS) to collate information received from committee members.

### Communications regarding the Mid Term Review

What message would the committee like to highlight?

BMCs to be advised of the priorities. David Loveder (SA Water) highlighted that it has been a consistent point of conversation of BMCs.

Ensure that direct engagement of BMC members.

## 11. Meeting Close

The Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:46am.

Next meeting: 18 August 2023.

*Endorsed by the State Bushfire Coordination Committee as a true and correct record of the meeting.*

**Georgie Cornish**  
A/Chair, State Bushfire Coordination Committee