



# Bush Fire Preparation Map



## HAT HEAD

### PREPARATION PROGRAM

Strategy	Action	Map Ref	Responsible Agency/ Land Manager	Supporting Agency	Action Schedule
Property Planning	Update Hat Head National Park Fire Management Strategy	N/A	NPWS		2024
	Maintain Residential Preparation Zones		Local residents	RFS	Ongoing
Hazard Reduction	Inspect Asset Protection Zones (APZ) to ensure compliance with RFS document Standards for APZ		RFS		Annually, pre-fire season
Mechanics	Maintain Asset Protection Zones		As per tenure	RFS	Ongoing
	Maintain Hat Head Road roadside vegetation		Kempsey SC	RFS	Ongoing
	Maintain Neighbourhood Safer Place Asset Protection Zone to Standard		Crown Land	RFS/MPWS	Ongoing
	Maintain Hat Head road electricity distribution corridor		Essential Energy	Kempsey SC	Ongoing
Hazard Reduction	Inspect Strategic Fire Advantage Zones (SFAZ) to assess fuel loads		NPWS/RFS		Annually
Burning	Conduct prescribed burning in SFAZ when the overall bushfire fuel hazard reaches high		NPWS	RFS	2023-2024
	Painted prescribed burning		NPWS	RFS	2024
Preparedness	Inspect the trail to ensure compliance with RFS document Standards for Fire Trails		RFS		Annually, pre-fire season
	Maintain fire trail to standard		NPWS	RFS	Ongoing
Ignition Management	Manage use of fire in the environment through Fire Permits, Hazard Reduction Certificates & illegal camping prevention	N/A	RFS	NPWS/Kempsey SC	Ongoing
Community Education	Conduct community engagement using the Hat Head Survival Map focusing on development of survival plans	N/A	RFS		Ongoing
	Install Community Protection Plan Survival Map display signage	N/A	RFS	Kempsey SC	2024



### Is your property fire-safe?

1. Cut back any overhanging trees or shrubs and dispose of cuttings appropriately.
2. Check the condition of your roof and replace any damaged or missing tiles.
3. Clean leaves from the roof, gutters and downpipes and fit quality metal leaf guards.
4. Non-combustible fences are the most effective at withstanding the intense heat generated by bush fire.
5. Plant trees and shrubs that are less likely to ignite due to their low oil content.
6. If you have a water tank, dam or swimming pool, consider installing a State Water Supply sign (SWWS).
7. Enclose sub-floor areas.
8. Store wood piles well away from the house and keep covered.
9. Keep garden mulch away from the house and keep grass short.
10. Make sure the pressure relief valves on LPG cylinders face outwards.
11. Ensure you have a hose which is long enough to reach every part of the home.
12. Remove and store any flammable items away from the house.
13. Install metal fly-wire or solid screens to the outside windows and doors.
14. Have a non-combustible doormat.

### LEGEND

- Asset Protection Zone (APZ)**  
An area between a bushfire hazard and buildings or other structures that is kept clear of bushfire fuels and obstructions to firefighting (also known as a Fire Break).
- Strategic Fire Advantage Zone (SFAZ)**  
An area in which vegetation types that affect fire spread and intensity are deliberately reduced through methods such as burning or grazing.
- Land Management Zone (LMZ) Prescribed Burn**  
An area in which prescribed burning is currently scheduled to reduce bushfire fuel and provide optimum conditions for biodiversity.
- Transport Corridor Fire Break (TCFB)**  
An area alongside road or rail corridors in which bush fire fuel is reduced to lower ignition potential and limit fire spread.
- Linear Fire Break**  
A linear area in the landscape in which vegetation is reduced to provide a barrier to slow or stop the spread of bush fire.
- Resident Preparation Area**  
An area in which residents prepare themselves and their property for fire.
- Fire Trail**  
A road specifically built for the purpose of accessing a property or area for fire management activities such as building containment lines or backburning operations during a bushfire.
- Bushfire Neighbourhood Safer Place**  
A place of last resort for bushfire shelter  
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- National Park/Conservation Area/Reserve**





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