



Department of **Planning, Lands and Heritage**
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Joint Agency Statement

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The State Government is committed to the continual improvement of a professional accreditation scheme for bushfire consultants to inform land use planning and building decisions in bushfire prone areas in Western Australia.

The accreditation scheme supports State Planning Policy 3.7 – Bushfire, the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines, the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas and the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015.

Under the Western Australian Bushfire Accreditation Framework, organisations can apply to the Bushfire Accreditation Steering Committee (Committee) to offer an accreditation scheme for Level 1 Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) Assessors, and/or Level 2 and Level 3 Bushfire Planning Practitioners. The Committee comprises representatives from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (Building and Energy Division).

The responsibilities and requirements for organisations seeking recognition as an accrediting body are set out in the [Requirements for Bushfire Planning and Building Industry Accreditation Bodies](#) (Accreditation Requirements) together with information about how to apply. The Committee assesses the suitability of accrediting bodies on behalf of the State Government.

Once a bushfire planning and building accrediting body is recognised by the State Government it will be able to accredit BAL assessors and Bushfire Planning Practitioners in accordance with the requirements and processes of the Bushfire Accreditation Framework as detailed in the Accreditation Requirements document.

Approved Accreditation Body

The Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) has been recognised by the State Government as an accreditation body for Level 1 BAL Assessors, and Level 2 and Level 3 Bushfire Planning Practitioners in Western Australia since 2016.

FPA Australia provides information, services and education to the fire protection industry and the community. Details about FPA Australia's Bushfire Planning and Design Accreditation Scheme can be viewed on their website at [Home](#) or contact them on (03) 8892 3131 or via email to fpaa@fpaa.com.au.