

Policy

Pickering Brook Strategic Bushfire Management Plan

Policy Category	Council
Responsible Directorate	Development
Responsible Business Unit	Strategic Planning
Relevant Legislation	Local Government Act 1995 Planning and Development Act 2005

1. Objective

The purpose of this Policy is to support the implementation of the Pickering Brook Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (Plan) by providing a framework for the ongoing consideration and application of its findings and recommendations. The Policy seeks to ensure that identified bushfire risks and mitigation measures are consistently considered through strategic planning, subdivision and development processes, and that implementation is coordinated with the City of Kalamunda's (the City) planning, infrastructure and investment priorities.

The Strategic Bushfire Management Plan is a technical document that supports implementation of Council's adopted strategic planning and bushfire risk management objectives. Council endorsement of the Plan is only required where the plan, or a proposed amendment to the Plan, would result in a material change to a strategic direction previously adopted by Council.

2. Policy

2.1 Planning proposals to be consistent with the Plan

2.1.1 Planning proposals within the area in which the Plan applies must demonstrate consistency with:

- (a) the recommendations of the Plan; and
- (b) the cumulative risk settings, development assumptions and infrastructure requirements identified in the Plan.

2.2 Alternative solutions

2.2.1 Planning proposals may propose alternative solutions to those identified within the Plan, subject to the proponent demonstrating to the satisfaction of the City that:

- (a) the intent and objectives of the Plan will continue to be achieved; and
- (b) the proposed alternative solutions will not prejudice the implementation of the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan, or undermine the management of cumulative bushfire risk within the relevant locality.

2.2.2 In considering any proposal under 2.2.1, the City may require the proponent to amend the Plan to reflect the approved variation and ensure ongoing consistency with the intent, assumptions and outcomes of the Plan. Any such update is to be undertaken entirely at the proponent's cost.

2.2.3 Any amendment undertaken for the purpose of 2.2.2 shall be undertaken in accordance with 2.4 Review and 2.5 Approval.

2.3 Integration with City planning and budgeting

2.3.1 The Plan, including recommended infrastructure improvements and risk mitigation initiatives, will inform the City's future planning and budgeting processes.

2.3.2 Notwithstanding 2.3.1, nothing within the Plan constitutes a commitment by the City to fund, deliver or implement the measures contained therein.

2.4 Review

2.4.1 The City may initiate a review of the Plan, where:

- (a) new information, investigations or risk assessments identify a material change to bushfire risk within the locality;
- (b) implementation of the Plan identifies a need to modify, add or remove recommendations or mitigation measures;
- (c) changes to legislation, State planning policy or other relevant government requirements affect the applicability of the Plan; or
- (d) the City otherwise determines that a review is necessary to ensure the Plan remains relevant and effective.

2.4.2 Any review of the Plan shall be undertaken by an accredited Bushfire Planning and Design (BPAD) Level 3 Bushfire Planning Practitioner, or an equivalent suitably qualified and experienced professional with demonstrated expertise in strategic bushfire risk assessment, mitigation planning and land use interface planning, as accepted by the City.

2.4.3 The City may require that any review of the Plan be independently assessed by a practitioner appointed or approved by the City, having regard to the scale, complexity and implications of the proposed amendments.

2.5 Approval

- 2.5.1 The Plan and any proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Manager Strategic Planning and the Community Emergency Services Manager.
- 2.5.2 Following consideration of the advice of the City's Manager Strategic Planning and the Community Emergency Services Manager, the CEO may approve the Plan or a proposed amendment undertaken in accordance with 2.4 Review.
- 2.5.3 Where the CEO considers that the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan, or a proposed amendment, is materially inconsistent with, or would require a material change to:
- (a) an adopted Council policy, strategy or plan;
 - (b) a strategic planning decision or direction of Council;
 - (c) the City's adopted enterprise risk management framework or risk appetite;
 - (d) the City's strategic infrastructure, service delivery or financial commitments; or
 - (e) another matter that the CEO considers should be determined by Council having regard to its strategic significance,
- the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan or amendment is to be referred to Council for endorsement before taking effect.
- 2.5.4 Any amendment approved in accordance with this Policy shall form part of the Plan from the date of approval.

2.6 Publication

- 2.6.1 The approved Plan, including approved addendums, will be made publicly available on the City's website.

3. Definitions

BPAD means the Bushfire Planning and Design accreditation system administered by the Fire Protection Association of Australia (FPAA).

CEO means the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Kalamunda.

City means the City of Kalamunda.

Plan means the Pickering Brook Strategic Bushfire Management Plan, approved in accordance with this policy.

4. Influencing strategies

Kalamunda Advancing (Strategic Community Plan 2021-2031)

Priority 3: Kalamunda Develops

Objective 3.1 – To provide for sustainable population growth

Strategy 3.1.1 – Plan for diverse and sustainable activity centres, housing, community facilities and industrial development to meet future growth, changing social, economic and environmental needs.

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Objective 3.3 – To develop and enhance the City's economy

Strategy 3.3.1 – Facilitate and support the success and growth of businesses

Strategy 3.3.2 – Attract and enable new investment opportunities

Strategy 3.3.3 – Plan for strong activity centres and employment areas to meet the future needs of the community, industry, and commerce

Priority 3: Kalamunda Develops

Objective 3.4 – To be recognised as a preferred tourism destination

Strategy 3.4.1 – Facilitate, support and promote, activities and places to visit

Strategy 3.4.2 – Advocate and facilitate Agri Tourism opportunities for rural properties to flourish

Priority 4: Kalamunda Leads

Objective 4.1 - To provide leadership through transparent governance.

Strategy 4.1.1 - Provide good governance

5. Relevant Legislation

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Planning and Development Act 2005*

Version Control			
Relevant delegated authority		N/A	
Council adopted		Reference	
Last review		Reference	
Next review	Whichever comes first: • Replacement of local planning scheme • 5 years from adoption or last review • Material changes to State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire • Where required to reflect new strategic directions • Where required to improve implementation		