



Tasmania Fire Service

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Dear <<name>>,

FIRE PERMIT SYSTEM REVIEW

I am writing to you on this occasion to provide an update on the Fire Permit System Review.

As you would recall, the 2013 Tasmanian Bushfire Inquiry recommended a review of the Fire Permit System, and subsequently a comprehensive review undertaken by Wise Lord and Ferguson (WLF) commenced in late 2016. A Steering Committee was formed with representation from TFS, Parks and Wildlife Service (PWS), State Fire Management Council (SFMC) and Sustainable Timber Tasmania (STT). The review was comprehensive and took over 12 months to complete, including an extensive consultation process with stakeholder agencies, internal stakeholders and consultation with identified stakeholders (particularly the farming community) as well as a comprehensive review of literature and similar legislation. The final review report culminated in 18 recommendations being made, with further work required to enable the recommendations of the review being implemented. A copy of the final report is attached for your information.

An operational project coordinator has been appointed to coordinate the implementation of the review recommendations, and a management plan for this project has been approved including the following steps:

- determine the actions required to implement the recommendations and prepare a schedule of works to be undertaken,
- identify the work that is out of scope of this project i.e. legislation review,
- identify smaller projects that may need to be undertaken as a consequence of the review recommendations i.e. website redevelopment,
- determine who will undertake the schedule of work identified.

On behalf of the TFS, thank you for your contributions to this review and I apologise for the delay in providing you will a copy of the final report.

Yours sincerely,

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