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DEPARTMENT OF LAND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Northern Territory

North Australian Fire Managers Forum

Jurisdictional Issues



Grass Fire Index

- Challenging situation
- Fuel load exceeding model interpretations (we suspect)
- Canopy structures different in northern Australia leading to catastrophic conditions



National Bushfire Mitigation Program

Northern Territory

- **Development of a new Territory Fire Management Planning Framework**
 - Regional Fire Management Plans
 - **Risk assessment methodology development**
 - **Builds upon property and district plans**
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- **Delivery of Regional Fire Management Plans for the Top End and Savanna regions by 2016/17**
 - Risk assessment for the Barkly and Central Australia



Review of the Bushfires Act

Key proposed changes:

- Enshrines the principle of landholder responsibility for fire
- Integrates fire management with broader land management
- Clarifies the roles of all stakeholders – advisory bodies, volunteer brigades, landholders, other stakeholders
- Establishes Bushfires NT and describes its role in different management zones across NT
- Creates fire management zones that define fire management requirements based on risk
- Creates a chain of command and system of Orders to provide authority and protection for all those involved in fire management



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- Funding until mid 2017
 - Fire scar mapping, validation & Management (43% of costs)
 - Website development & maintenance (32% of costs)
 - Training & resilience building (15% of costs)
 - Administration (10% of costs)

- Need a coordinated approach to fire monitoring across Northern Australia

- Essential component of Savanna burning enterprise development and fire management systems

- Determine a process for resolution of outstanding issues

