

## WILDFIRE ASSET IDENTIFICATION AND CONSEQUENCE EVALUATION PROJECT



### Project Update No. 3 – June 2006

#### What is the Wildfire Project about?

The project will establish an evidence-based methodology, designed to inform and support integrated wildfire planning and decision making. It will develop approaches, principles and tools to support a consistent and shared understanding of the consequences of wildfire across Victoria. It will focus exclusively on the consequence (as opposed to the likelihood) components of risk management.

#### What's happened since Project Update No. 2?

In late May and early June 2006 a series of workshops were held to inform potential users about the Wildfire Project and obtain feedback on the proposed project methodology. This round of consultation also involved two workshops with the Expert Panel established for this Project.

#### Consultation Workshops

Four Workshops were conducted as follows:

- Melbourne on Tuesday 30 May 2006
- Benalla on Thursday 1 June 2006
- Horsham on Tuesday 6 June 2006
- Bairnsdale on Thursday 8 June 2006

These Workshops were convened by OESC to invite Users and Stakeholders of the Wildfire Project to be informed about the Project, provide an overview of the key concepts of the methodology and to allow the opportunity for feedback from participants on this approach and the application of the outputs in a strategic wildfire planning and management context. The following key target agencies were invited to participate in the Workshops:

- CFA
- Metropolitan Fire Brigade
- DSE
- Parks Victoria
- Municipal Councils
- IFMP Project Team
- Bushfire CRC Project Team

Other interested parties were also invited to participate. The Project Team was encouraged by the level of engagement at the Workshops, particularly across a range of fields from GIS operators to emergency management planners.

This Workshop series produced a large amount of information that has been analysed, consolidated and incorporated in a summary report that is available on the project web-site. The report summarises the

consultation issues identified at each of the four Workshop locations separately, as many of the issues raised were specific to that location or region. A copy of the presentation used at the workshops is also available on this web-site.

#### Key Outcomes

Some of the key suggestions generated at the Workshops included:

- A strong view that for many assets disruption is best applied at a regional, municipal or local level;
- A requirement to incorporate local knowledge (without undermining the value of a Statewide view);
- The need to accommodate planning information, or projections (ie. new infrastructure or population estimates), without impacting the integrity of actual Asset Class information;
- That the Spatial Reporting Unit resolution be reviewed on the basis of the most useful project output for planners;
- The perception that there is a limited profile given to cultural values;
- The need to use the best available data, or at least clearly identify the data used in applying the project methodology;
- The need to identify the relationship between the project outputs and Statewide, Regional, Municipal and Local planning levels; and
- The need to address the perceived bias towards economic and social disruption elements due to a greater number of disruption elements in these Asset Groups.

#### Further Information

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Further information, is available on the Spatial Vision website at:

<http://www.spatialvision.com.au/html/wildfire-project.htm>