

## WILDFIRE ASSET IDENTIFICATION AND CONSEQUENCE EVALUATION PROJECT



### Project Update No. 2 – May 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. 1?

The development of the methodology for the project has progressed with a detailed list of asset types and classes drafted. The Project Team has explored the concepts of damage and disruption to calculate the recovery period for environmental, social and economic based assets. In addition, the proposed approach for deriving a consequence value based on the loss of particular assets has been outlined.

#### Expert Panel

An Expert Panel has been established to provide a technical contribution by practitioners to the development of the methodology and the spatial products. Panel members have been identified on the basis of their expertise in fire operations, community safety and spatial information systems. The representatives on the Panel are:

##### Country Fire Authority

- John Boal, Manager Community Safety, CFA
- Mark Garvey, Manager GIS Services, CFA
- Mike Wassing, Operations Manager, CFA

##### Department of Sustainability and Environment

- Andrew Mathews, Emergency Co-ordination, DSE
- Peter Novotny, Manager Strategic Fire Planning, DSE
- Andrew Graystone, Manager Fire & Emergency Services, Parks Victoria

##### Municipal Association of Victoria

- Justin Con Foo, GIS Co-ordinator, Surf Coast Shire Council
- Mark Greene, Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Indigo Shire
- Norm Golgerth, Municipal Fire Prevention Officer, Nillumbik Shire

##### OESC

- Nichola Garnett, GIS and Data Project Officer, OESC

You are encouraged to make contact with the Panel members to further discuss the implications of this Project for your organisation.

The role of the Expert Panel is to:

- Provide an initial point of contact to facilitate key stakeholder input into the methodology and spatial dataset development stages of the project;
- Provide advice to Project Management Team members on issues related to their specific technical skills area;
- Provide specialist advice on the application of spatial data and spatial analysis issues;
- Support the Project Team as required through participation in Expert Panel Workshops and provision of advice on issues related to their specific technical skills area;
- Assist facilitate appropriate agency representation at Stakeholder and End-User workshops as required.

#### Consultation Workshops

The Project Team is keen to engage those working in this field to assist with the methodology development. Stakeholder and End-User Workshops are being held to discuss the preliminary concepts on assigning asset loss consequence and the proposed project outcomes. There will be four Workshops held in different locations around the State as follows:

- **Workshop 1 – Tuesday 30 May 2006**, The Naval and Military Club, 27 Little Collins Street, **Melbourne**
- **Workshop 2 – Thursday 1 June 2006**, Benalla Bowls Club, 25 Arundel Street, **Benalla**
- **Workshop 3 – Tuesday 6 June 2006**, Horsham Golf Club 304 Golfcourse Road, **Horsham**
- **Workshop 4 – Thursday 8 June 2006**, Bairnsdale RSL, 2 Forge Creek Road cnr Princes Hwy, **Bairnsdale**

You should choose only one Workshop to attend, as each will consist of the same content. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by 25 May to Anne Batrouney at Beca via phone 03 9272 1540 or email [anne.batrouney@beca.com](mailto:anne.batrouney@beca.com). An Agenda and further information will be provided to those that RSVP.

#### Further Information

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Further information, including Project Update No. 1, is also available on the Spatial Vision website at: <http://www.spatialvision.com.au/html/wildfire-project.htm>