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1.1 Causes and contributing factors

1.2 Preparation and planning

Essential Foliage Management along Highways:
As a minimum requirement for emergency egress from crisis areas, and for emergency access by emergency and support services to those areas, all roads of Highway or equivalent status should have, to the extent reasonably possible, no trees adjacent of sufficient height to fall across the roadway. Any such trees currently existing, should be removed. Highway corridors should be regularly maintained to keep foliage to a reasonable minimum height, preferably through replanting of appropriate low-growing shrub or groundcover species (if anything).

1.3 Response to bushfires

1.4 Any other matters

The Lack of Water Catchments:
Many more dams are needed, from large-scale catchments for urban use to small dams on farms for livestock and irrigation. As graphically demonstrated, fast-acting bushfires present a far greater threat to wildlife than slow-filling dams. Such hard learnings must be factored into a sensible but significant rebalancing of environmental factors to facilitate the planning and approval of more dams.

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