

Please find below additional comments in relation to managing fire intensity submitted as an addendum to my submission of 17 April 2019. It would be appreciated if this could be included with my submission.

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ADDENDUM

Private Land issues

A particular issue apparent locally during the North Black Range Fire is the problem of a lack of vegetation management on private land.

While the North Black Range Fire started in the National Park, once the fire broke out on the Friday, 29 November 2019, much of the losses at Bombay were due to spot fires on to private land which then took off particularly through inaccessible tea tree/kunzia. Control was only possible on open grazed lands adjoining such areas.

Private landholders should be required to manage their land and flora, including invasive native species, which create such a fire risk, so as to provide an area of protection for neighbouring properties. The approach of Landcare, post fires, to assisting in revegetating privately owned country must also ensure that firebreaks are maintained within a property where such native species exist.