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Dear Hon Adele Farina MLC

INQUIRY INTO PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission to the Committee's Inquiry into Private Property Rights.

It is my role as the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner to designate Bush Fire Prone Areas under section 18P of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998*. Bush Fire Prone Areas have been identified as being subject, or likely to be subject, to bushfire attack as per the *Mapping Standard for Bush Fire Prone Areas*. Additional planning and building requirements may apply to new proposals within a Bush Fire Prone Area. These requirements ensure future developments within a Bush Fire Prone Area are better prepared to manage the risk of bushfire.

The bushfire reforms implemented in December 2015 included the gazettal and release of the first edition of the *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas* (the Map). These bushfire reforms were in response to the findings of the *Shared responsibility: The Report of the Perth Hills Bushfire February 2011 Review*. Prior to this time there was no consistent designation of Bush Fire Prone Areas across the State. Subsequent to these reforms it was agreed as an adequate minimum standard that properties within designated Bush Fire Prone Areas would be identified as bushfire prone on the Property Interest Report issued by Landgate.

The Map is updated at least annually to continually improve its accuracy and currency. The Map is available from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website. Additionally, the Bush Fire Prone Areas dataset is publicly available to download from Landgate's Shared Location Information Platform or data.gov.au. The initial release of the Map and its annual update have been communicated online, through the media and our stakeholder network.

Yours sincerely

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