



## Minister for Transport; Planning; Ports

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Your Ref: Petition No. 014

Hon Peter Foster MLC  
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Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
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Dear Mr Foster

### **PETITION NO. 014 – MORATORIUM ON SUBDIVISION IN BUSHFIRE PRONE AREAS**

Thank you for your letter of 15 June 2022 regarding the above matter.

Public consultation on the Map of Bushfire Prone Areas (Map), *State Planning Policy 3.7* (SPP 3.7) and the associated Guidelines for Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas (Guidelines) is now anticipated to occur in mid-2023.

The revised timeframe has been necessary due to significant challenges the Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) encountered in the preparation of the Map, due to the highly technical and innovative nature of the project, and the impact of lengthy COVID-19 lockdowns in the eastern states.

I can advise the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety have recently received a preliminary draft Map, which is subject to validation and analysis process prior to the Map being deemed fit for purpose.

I can also confirm that significant work has occurred on the review of SPP 3.7 and the Guidelines, noting that refinement of components of the policy framework are reliant on a detailed understanding of the finalised Map.

Yours sincerely

**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MINISTER FOR PLANNING**

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