



Bushfire Protection Reports

Bush fire protection reports are required prior to lodging a development application with Council on new work and alterations and additions and these reports determine what type of protection measures are required.

Survival Solutions will assess the bushfire threat, bushfire hazard and provide recommendations as to how the development can be built to ensure these threat and hazards can be mitigated to ensure the development will be fully compliant, whilst providing long lasting bushfire safety for you and your family.

The reports are carried out in accordance with the Building Codes of Australia and AS 3959 (Construction of Buildings in Bushfire Prone Areas) by our fully qualified senior building surveyors.

Your report will address all relevant provisions in Planning for Bushfire Protection 2006 and provide the assessment authorities with the bushfire safety measures your development will utilize to provide a high level of bushfire protection.

Who requires a Bushfire Report?

If you are lodging a development application with Council and your property is identified by Council as being in a bushfire prone area, then you will require a Bushfire Report to be undertaken.

What additional construction requirements can you expect?

This depends on what level of protection the property has been assessed as and how close you are to the bushfire threat. There are 5 levels of Bushfire protection measures.

- Nil – No specific construction requirements
- Level 1 – Medium bushfire
- Level 2 – High bushfire
- Level 3 – Extreme bushfire attack
- Flame zone – The Australian Standard does not specify any requirements for this as it is over and above the standard requirements.

Additional construction requirements can range from installing metallic screens with a maximum aperture size of no more than 1.8mm, providing weather strips to all external doors, ensuring the timber posts are 100mm above the finished ground level. Other appropriate measures include suitable defendable space, access considerations, vegetation management, on-site emergency management arrangements and water supply services.

The requirements listed above are only a very minor snap shot of what may be required.

If you require assistance with bushfire reports from anywhere in Australia, [click here](#) to contact our building surveyors, who can determine your needs, prepare a fee proposal and advise you of the information required.