The NT Bushfire Management Planning Framework
Outline of discussion

• Why a planning program?
• Who is involved?
• Principles
• Deliverables
• Future outcomes?
Why do we need a specific planning project?

- Prevention of wildfires better than suppression
- Better coordination and communication between whole of community
- Decision making risk based and fully accountable
- Approach able to be evaluated and adapted as required
- Standardise planning approach across NT:
  - Practical, up-to-date, easy to understand tools and documents owned and used by all fire stakeholders
- Compliant with NT Bushfire Management Act 2016
Planning is everyone’s business

**Core**
- Minister,
- CE, BFNT, VBBs,
- Fire Wardens,
- Regional Committees,
- Bushfires Council

**Primary**
- Freehold owners,
- leaseholders, managers

**Secondary**
- Neighbours, Industry peak bodies,
- Wider public, Media

**Foundation advice**
- DLRM
- BoM
- NFRS
- NTES
- WA (DPAW, DFES)
- Qld (QFRS)
- SA (CFS)
- AFAC
- DCBR
- CDU
- TNRM
- Other researchers

Core = leading and authorising
Primary = controlling and authorising
Secondary = interest and not authorising
“How to” principles

• Links to new legislation
  – Enshrines concept of landholder responsibility
  – Reinforces role of planning in mitigation and suppression
  – Requirement for Regional Bushfire Management Plans
  – Declared Bushfire Management Areas requires Area Fire Management Plans and Property Fire Management Plans

• Bushfire Management about people- cooperate and collaborate

• Risk based at all levels

• Use an empirical approach where possible

• Best practice from other jurisdictions

• Scale and resource appropriate
## NT Bushfire Management Planning Framework

### Bushfire management planning framework

*assess risk, consult, communicate and collaborate*

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- **Is fire being better managed to meet social, economic, environmental and political values?**
- **Do tactical plans meet strategic objectives and adequately reduce regional bushfire risk?**
- **Did mitigation activities meet tactical objectives adequately reduce bushfire risk in priority area?**
- **Was mitigation carried out safely without perverse social, economic or environmental incidents?**
Regulatory, planning and risk tools to support Framework

Legislative Framework
- Management Zones
- Declared Management Areas
- Landholders

Planning Tools
- Regional Plans
- Area Plans
- Property Plans
- Prescribed Property Plans

Risk Tools
- Risk Register
- Risk and Hazard Map
- Risk Management
- Risk Mitigation

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Project outcomes – completed and planned

Whole of community consultation

Risk/Hazard maps

Framework

Regional Plans

Annual Mitigation

NT Strategy

Property Plans

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First pass at risk based planning
What we need help with

- How to engage and maintain long term relationships with North Australian stakeholders
- Quality assurance to monitor and review effectiveness of mitigation measures
- Standardised governance of decisions and public accountability
- Funding after June 2017
- Identifying other existing and developing risks e.g. biodiversity, water resources, rangeland health, production, cultural
- Incorporating highest priority risks into planning tools
Thank you