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Under Section 20(1)(c) of the *Fire Service Act 1979* (the Act), each Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) is required to submit to the State Fire Management Council (SFMC) on or before 30 September of each year, a fire protection plan for the next 12 months commencing on 1 October. Fire protection plans are developed under a Bushfire Risk Management Framework that includes the *Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines 2020* (the guidelines) published by the SFMC. The guidelines provide for fire protection plans to be titled 'Bushfire Risk Management Plans' (BRMP), and provide direction on the structure, content, and development of these plans. The guidelines also provide for bushfire risk assessments to be conducted every three years, which inform the development of these plans.


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BRMPs for all ten Fire Management Areas (FMAs) in Tasmania were submitted to the SFMC on or before 30 September 2024.

This current document meets the requirement of Section 20(1)(c) where:

1. It is applicable for 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025
2. It is based on the 3-year risk assessment for the Flinders FMA. This risk assessment is considered relevant in light of the fire seasons since 2021
3. It is based on the BRMP for the Flinders FMA accepted on the 30 March 2021.
4. Within the Flinders FMA, it details changes to:
 - a. Fire history (major bushfire events)
 - b. the Treatment Plan
 - c. the Risk Register
 - d. usage of the area
 - e. new or changed asset values
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Glossary

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| Asset | A term used to describe anything valued by the community that may be adversely impacted by bushfire. This may include houses, infrastructure, agriculture, production forests, industry, and environmental and heritage sites. |
| Asset Zone (AZ) | The geographic location of asset(s) and values of importance requiring bushfire exclusion. |
| Asset Protection Zone (APZ) | An area adjacent to or near Asset Zones, the primary management purpose of which is to protect human life, property and highly valued assets and values. Treatment can include intensive fuel reduction, manipulation of fuel moisture or response plans. |
| Bushfire | Unplanned vegetation fire. A generic term which includes grass fires, forest fires and scrub fires both with and without a suppression objective. |
| Bushfire hazard | The potential or expected behaviour of a bushfire burning under a particular set of conditions, i.e. the type, arrangement and quantity of fuel, the fuel moisture content, wind speed, topography, relative humidity, temperature and atmospheric stability. |
| Bushfire Risk Assessment Model (BRAM) | A computer-based modelling tool that uses a series of inputs to assess the risk of bushfire to a specific area. The BRAM has a capacity to produce a series of outputs. It was developed and is managed by Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service. |
| Bushfire risk management | A systematic process to coordinate, direct and control activities relating to bushfire risk with the aim of limiting the adverse effects of bushfire on the community. |
| Community Bushfire Protection Plan | A bushfire plan for community members that provides local, community-specific information to assist with bushfire preparation and survival. The focus of the Bushfire Protection Plan is on bushfire safety options, and the intent of the plan is to support the development of personal Bushfire Survival Plans. |
| Community Bushfire Response Plan | An Emergency Management Plan for emergency managers and responders. The Bushfire Response Plan aims to better protect communities and their assets during bushfire emergencies, through the identification of protection priorities and operational information. |
| Consequence | Impact(s) of an event on the five key areas: environment, economy, people, social setting and public administration. |
| Control | A measure that modifies risk. This may be an existing process, policy, device, practice or other action that acts to minimise negative risk or enhance positive opportunities. |
| Fire management zoning | Classification system for the areas to be managed. The zoning system indicates the primary purposes for fire management for an area of land. |
| Fuel break | A natural or manmade change in fuel characteristics which affects fire behaviour so that fires burning into them can be more readily controlled. |
| Hazard management area | The area between a building and the bushfire-prone vegetation that provides access to a fire front for firefighting, which is maintained in a minimal fuel condition and in which there are no other hazards present that will significantly contribute to the spread of a bushfire. |
| Human Settlement Area | Term given for the dataset used to define where people live and work. The dataset was developed for the purpose of risk modelling and was created using a combination of building locations, cadastral information and ABS data. Includes seasonally populated areas and industrial areas. |
| Land Management Zone (LMZ) | An area that is managed to meet the objectives of the relevant land manager such as: Traditional Owner practices, biodiversity conservation, production forestry, farming or recreation. Management can include planned burning, experimental treatments, fire exclusion or no planned action. |
| Likelihood | Chance of something happening. It is used as a general description of probability and may be expressed qualitatively or quantitatively. |
| Risk register | A document usually presented in a tabular form which lists concisely the following information for each risk: the risk statement, source, hazard, impact area, prevention/preparedness controls, recovery/response controls, level of existing controls, likelihood level, risk level, confidence level and treatment strategy. |
| Risk treatment | Process of selection and implementation of controls to modify risk. The term 'risk treatment' is sometimes used for the controls themselves. |

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| Strategic Fire Management Zone (SFMZ) | An area located close to or some distance away from assets (e.g. the urban–rural interface), the primary management purpose of which is to provide a mosaic of areas of reduced fuel in strategic locations to reduce the speed and intensity of bushfires, potential for spot-fire development, and size of bushfires. Treatment is by fuel reduction burning and other bushfire protection measures such as fire trails, water points, detection measures and response plans. |
| Treatable vegetation | Types of vegetation which are suitable for fuel reduction burning, for example, dry eucalypt forest, scrub, heathland and buttongrass. |
| Treatment plan | A document related to the risk register presented in a tabular form which lists concisely the following information for each risk: the agreed strategies to manage the risk (i.e. treatments), the responsible organisations, proposed completion date and comments. |

Acronyms

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| BRMPG | Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines |
| BRAM | Bushfire Risk Assessment Model |
| BRMP | Bushfire Risk Management Plan |
| DPIPWE | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment |
| FFDI | Forest Fire Danger Index |
| FMA | Fire Management Area |
| FMAC | Fire Management Area Committee |
| LGA | Local Government Area |
| PWS | Parks and Wildlife Service |
| SFMC | State Fire Management Council |
| STT | Sustainable Timber Tasmania |
| TFS | Tasmania Fire Service |

Maps contained in this document may include data provided by DPIIPWE (Land Tasmania), Parks and Wildlife Service (Fire Management Section) and Tasmania Fire Service. These map products have been produced by the Tasmania Fire Service. While all efforts have been taken to ensure their accuracy, there may be errors and/or omissions in the data presented. Users of these products are advised to independently verify data for accuracy and completeness before use.

Executive Summary

This Bushfire Risk Management Plan identifies priorities for the treatment of bushfire risk in the Flinders Island Fire Management Area for the next 12 months commencing on 1 October. It was developed by the Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) as required under sections 18 and 20 of the *Fire Service Act 1979*. This plan aims to coordinate and influence the treatment of bushfire risk in the Fire Management Area.

The plan is strategic level and does not include all details of bushfire risk treatments; but does identify which organisations or individuals are responsible for implementing them. The Flinders Island FMAC will prepare a written report twice yearly for the State Fire Management Council on the progress of implementation.

The plan was developed in line with the [Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines 2020](#). The risk assessment considers bushfire impacts to the assets and values in the area, and uses the following matrix to calculate a risk rating:

| LIKELIHOOD | CONSEQUENCE LEVEL | | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------|--------------|
| | INSIGNIFICANT | MINOR | MODERATE | MAJOR | CATASTROPHIC |
| Almost Certain | MEDIUM | MEDIUM | HIGH | EXTREME | EXTREME |
| Likely | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH | EXTREME | EXTREME |
| Unlikely | LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH | EXTREME |
| Rare | VERY LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH | HIGH |
| Very Rare | VERY LOW | VERY LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH |
| Extremely Rare | VERY LOW | VERY LOW | LOW | MEDIUM | HIGH |

The results of the risk assessment are summarised in the risk register ([Appendix 1](#)) and the proposed treatments are listed in the treatment plan ([Appendix 2](#)). All maps are published on the internet on LISTmap, and hyperlinks to these can be found in the relevant locations in this plan.

The Flinders FMA consists of an area of approximately 206,046 hectares, extending approximately 10 kilometres from Wilson Promontory in Victoria to the North East tip of the Tasmanian mainland. An archipelago of 52 islands, the largest Island is Flinders Island, followed by truwana/Cape Barren Island and Clarke Island. More than half of the Flinders FMA is private freehold land tenure.

There is a mix of vegetation within the Flinders FMA which ranges from heaths, scrub and dry woodlands through to dry sclerophyll forest interposed with wet sclerophyll forest gullies and remnant rainforest on Mt Strzelecki and the Darling Range.

Flinders Island is home to approximately 900 residents, with a population increase in the warmer months due to visitors and medium-term seasonal residents (known colloquially as 'locals' or transient locals). Visitors to the island usually seek an eco-tourism experience. The economy is mainly based on agriculture and tourism. Agricultural, tourism, natural and cultural assets are highly valued by the Flinders FMA community.

Some of the highest priority risk assets identified by the Flinders FMA either have had previous strategic mitigation plans developed and require review and some have not had plans developed to date. It is envisaged strategic mitigation for the FMA in general will be undertaken/reviewed during the life of this Plan to further augment risk mitigation activities

The highest risks identified in the FMA are broadly defined as:

- The Human Settlement Areas of Lady Barron, Whitemark/Blue Rocks, Killiecrankie and The Corner on truwana/Cape Barren Island. Fuel reduction is identified as a treatment for these areas including fuel breaks and fuel reduction burning. The primary responsibility for conducting these fuel reduction burns and fuel breaks are the Parks and Wildlife Service and Tasmania Fire Service
- The historical site of Wybalenna. Discussions with the Aboriginal Land Council of Tasmania (ALCT) will be required to determine the site's values and how to mitigate bushfire risk
- Communications towers at Mt Tanner, Hays Hill and Walkers Lookout. Fuel reduction opportunities

When further assets are identified, the FMA will determine whether these assets require assessment against the TERAG risk assessment process.

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

It is a requirement of Section 20 of the *Fire Service Act 1979* that the Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) prepare a fire protection plan for its Fire Management Area. This Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP) fulfils that requirement. The BRMP is submitted to and approved by the State Fire Management Council (SFMC).

The *Fire Service Act 1979* requires that the fire protection plan is consistent with the State fire protection plan, the [Tasmanian Vegetation Fire Management Policy](#), and because it is an instruction from SFMC, the [Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines](#) (SFMC 2020).

The Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines (BRMPG) explain the framework for bushfire risk management in Tasmania, the method for doing the risk assessment, and how to prepare the BRMP. There is very little explanation here in this plan on the rationale, principles and methods used; therefore, the BRMPG is an important supporting document for understanding this plan.

Under the [terms of reference](#) for the Flinders Island FMAC, the purposes of the committee are:

- Provide a forum for communication and collaboration between key stakeholders in the FMA
- Enable a holistic and consistent approach, incorporating local knowledge, to identify strategic priorities to reduce bushfire risk
- Coordinate efforts and facilitate resource sharing to implement the strategic risk reduction priorities
- Link the local community and the SFMC through ‘ground-truthing’ the bushfire risk assessment and mitigation strategies
- Through their advisory function, provide input into decisions and outcomes beyond the Fire Management Area.

1.2 Purpose of this plan

The management of bushfire-related risk is a collective responsibility of the whole community, with contributions made by numerous individuals, landowners and organisations.

An overriding aim of this BRMP is to document a coordinated approach to the identification and treatment of bushfire risk in the Flinders Island Fire Management Area (FMA). Specific objectives include:

- Guide and coordinate bushfire risk management over a three-year period on all land within the FMA
- Provide a reference point for the prioritisation and justification of bushfire treatment actions, as well as supporting evidence for funding requests
- Facilitate the integration of bushfire risk management into the business processes of councils, organisations and land managers
- Facilitate cooperation and the coordination of treatment actions between stakeholders
- Clearly and concisely communicate bushfire risk to stakeholders and the community
- Provide a basis for monitoring and reporting of implementation of bushfire risk treatments in the FMA.

This BRMP is a strategic-level document that does not provide detail on treatment actions. Individual organisations and landowners, or collaborative groups, may have developed plans and processes for implementation of bushfire risk treatment; these can be considered to be linked to the strategic priorities identified [here](#) (SFMC 2020).

2. Establishing the context

2.1 Description of the Flinders Island Fire Management Area

The Flinders FMA consists of an area of approximately 206,046 hectares, extending approximately 10 kilometres from Wilson Promontory in Victoria to the North East tip of the Tasmanian mainland, including the major land components of the Furneaux group, Hogan group and the Kent group of Islands ([map 1](#)).

The Furneaux Group is an archipelago of 52 islands located in the Bass Strait between mainland Australia and Tasmania. The largest Island is Flinders Island followed by truwana/Cape Barren Island and Clarke Island.

The Flinders FMA covers the Flinders local government area (LGA). More than half of the Flinders FMA is private freehold land tenure as shown in table 1 (map 2).

Table 1. Summary of the major tenure land managers in the Flinders Fire Management Area (FMA)

| Land manager | % of FMA |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Private property | 63 |
| Parks and Wildlife Service reserves | 35 |
| Other | 2 |

2.2 Fire environment

The vegetation of the Flinders FMA is complex. It is a mix, ranging from heaths, scrub and dry woodlands through to dry sclerophyll forest interposed with wet sclerophyll forest gullies and remnant rainforest on Mt Strzelecki and the Darling Range. *Phytophthora cinnamomi* (dieback) and peat soils are also present in within the Flinders FMA.

The region is considered important biogeographically as it is indicative of an ecotone between the Tasmanian and mainland vegetation complexes. Some of the vegetation species present on the Islands are at the most southern point of its range if a mainland species or the most northern aspect of Tasmanian endemic species.

The vegetation can also be categorised into broad groups that represent broad vegetation or landscape types (Kitchener & Harris, 2013), as summarised in table 2 and map 6. The majority of vegetation groups in the Flinders FMA are of high to very high flammability classes with a low to moderate sensitivity to fire (Pyrke and Marsden-Smedley, 2005). Rainforest complexes on Mt Strzelecki and *Melaleuca ericifolia* swamp forest scattered around the Island are sensitive to fire.

Table 2: Vegetation groups and flammability present within the Flinders FMA as a percentage of FMA total area.

| Vegetation Group (Kitchener & Harris, 2013) | Flammability (Pyrke & Marsden-Smedley 2005) | % FMA |
|--|--|--------------|
| Scrub, Heathland and Coastal Complexes | High – very high | 41.0 |
| Agricultural, Urban and Exotic Vegetation | Moderate | 24.9 |
| Dry Eucalypt Forest and Woodland | Moderate - high | 14.1 |
| Non-Eucalypt Forest and Woodland | Moderate | 6.5 |
| Native Grassland | High | 3.2 |
| Saltmarsh and Wetland | Low | 3.4 |
| Other Natural Environments | Moderate | 3.1 |
| Moorland, Sedgeland, Rushland and peatland | Moderate - high | 0.4 |
| Rainforest and Related Scrub | Low | 0.1 |

The vegetation can also be considered in terms of its “treatability” with regards to fuel reduction program burning (map 5). Treatable fuels suitable for fuel reduction burns are typically dry eucalypt forest, scrub complexes, heath complexes and button grass. Agricultural lands while susceptible to the impact of bush fires are not considered treatable due to the nature of the land use. However, this does not preclude agricultural land from being incorporated into burning operations. Most fuels within the Flinders FMA are treatable.

Prior to major settlement within the Flinders FMA, lightning strikes were assumed to be a cause of ignition. Available records show that there are various causes of ignitions for bushfires in the Flinders FMA. These causes include accidental ignitions, lightning, deliberate lighting of vegetation and escapes from planned burns.

Previous fire incidents have been located near communities or in an agricultural landscape. Table 3 displays the major bushfires that have occurred within the Flinders FMA since 1990.

Table 3: Major fires Flinders Island FMA

| Fire Name | Ignition Date | Area (ha) |
|---|----------------------|------------------|
| Sellers Point | 1990 | 578 |
| Darling Range | 2003 | 17,058 |
| Cameron Lagoon | 2003 | 4,261 |
| Reedy Lagoon | 2006 | 1,716 |
| Cape Barren Island (Apple Orchard Point) | 2006 | 39,760 |
| Five Mile Road | 2008 | 6,690 |
| Clarke Island | 2013 | 8,100 |
| Lackrana Road | 2016 | 4,641 |
| Thunder and Lightning Bay, Cape Barren Island | 2016 | 31,770 |
| Foo Chow Conservation Area | 2019 | 2736 |

Bushfires within the Flinders FMA are wind driven, with predominantly north westerly wind directions on bad fire danger days during summer. Changes of wind direction are also commonly observed due to localised weather patterns which can lead to erratic fire behaviour.

The presence of flammable fine fuels (i.e. coastal vegetation) and peat soils influences fire behaviour. The undulating landscape within the Flinders FMA also playing a role due to the influence of slope on fire behaviour.

2.3 Climate and bushfire season

The Flinders FMA experiences a climate that can be considered a mixture of a Mediterranean and an oceanic climate that is composed of warm dry summers and mild wet winters. Under the moderating influences of low elevation and the maritime effects, the Islands generally have a milder climate compared to that of Tasmania, with rainfall possible in all seasons.

The Flinders FMA is also in the path of the “roaring forties” winds. Weather stations exist at the Flinders Island airport and on Hogan Island. Figures 1 and 2 identify how the most common winds correlate with Fire Danger Ratings (FDR) and historical Forest Fire Danger Indices (FFDI) for the last 30 years.

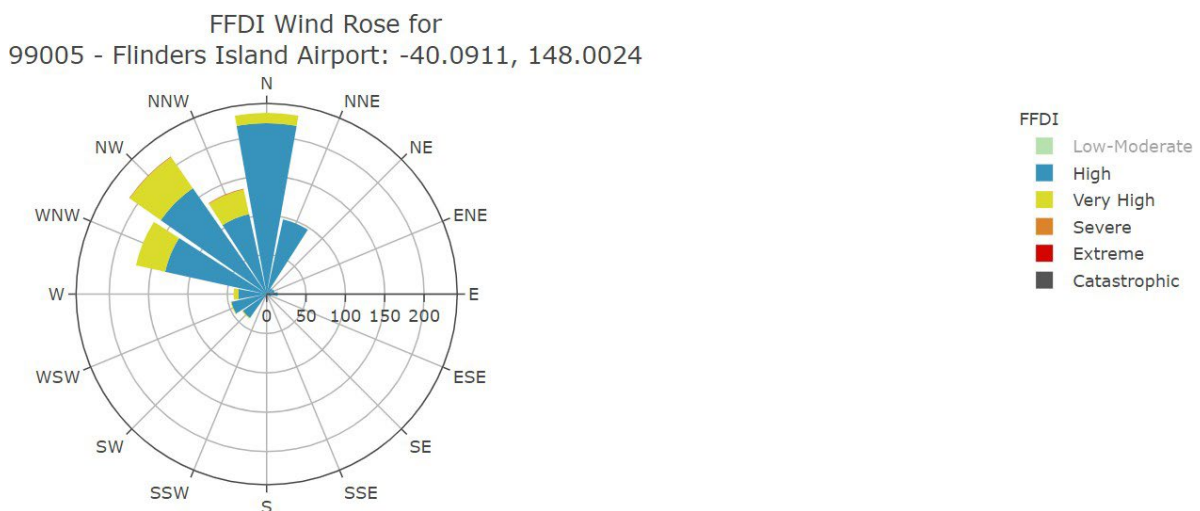


Figure 1: Wind Rose Plot for Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) – Flinders Island Airport

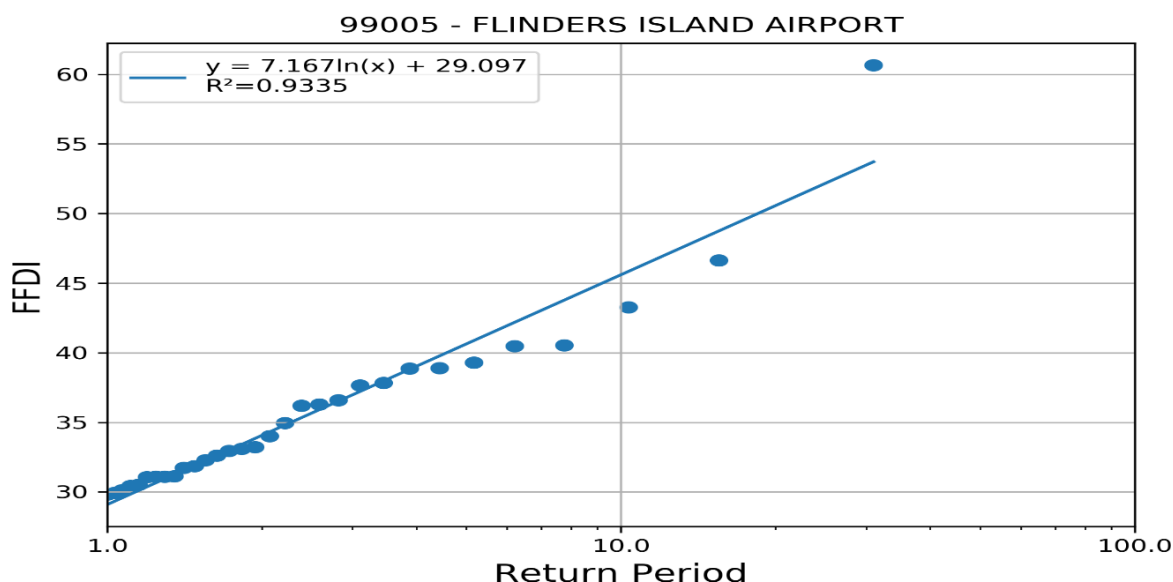


Figure 2: Forest Fire Danger Index (FFDI) and Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) – Flinders Island Airport

Fire seasons and prescribed burning seasons vary geographically and temporally. The fire season is traditionally from November through to March though fires can and do occur outside this peak period and fires can range from forest to grass fires.

Fuel reduction burning usually occurs in the seasonal months of autumn or spring, contingent on suitable weather conditions, soil and fuel moisture, and controls being in place. Within the Flinders FMA, cultural cool season burning has also occurred to some extent (particularly on Cape Barren Island) in addition to traditional fuel reduction burning activities.

Climate is changing in Tasmania and it is evident from bushfire climate indicators (Fox-Hughes et al. 2015) that we can expect destructive bushfires to become more frequent.

2.4 Population and community

The estimated resident population of the Flinders Island is approximately 900 people. The population increases in the warmer months due to a seasonal influx of visitors and residents (transient locals). Visitors are usually seeking an eco-tourism experience.

A smaller population of approximately 60 persons reside on truwana/Cape Barren Island. The outer Islands have transient populations based around agricultural needs and Mutton-bird season.

The community profile of the Flinders FMA indicates that there is a lower proportion of youth (0-17 years) and a higher proportion of persons at post-retirement (+60 years). There is also, a strong aboriginal presence and culture within the Flinders FMA, particularly on truwana/Cape Barren Island.

On Flinders Island there are two major population centres, Whitemark and Lady Barron. These centres are home to the Island's primary built environment and facilities, residential properties, businesses, and industrial properties, with Whitemark being the administrative and commercial centre for the Furneaux region. Other settlement areas include Emita, Palana, Memana, Lackrana, Killiecrankie and Badger Corner/Ranga.

Outside the settlement areas, the population is based around Flinders farm holdings. Holiday homes are scattered throughout Flinders Island, utilised as short-term accommodation.

The economy is based mainly on agriculture and tourism. Agricultural assets are based mainly on the eastern side of the Island while the western and southern areas are dominated by residential villages and nature-based tourism activities such as bushwalking, bird watching, flora/fauna research and boating activities.

2.5 Community engagement

It is anticipated that there will be further community engagement by the Flinders FMAC with the wider FMA community on topics not limited to fuel treatments, the role of the FMAC, risk assessment and cultural cool burning practices. A community public education/awareness event is proposed as a medium for engagement.

Engagement with the Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association, the truwana rangers and other relevant parties (e.g. farmers/farm managers) regarding fuel reduction via cool season burning on Flinders and outer islands is expected.

It is also anticipated that there be continued engagement between FMAC agencies in order to discuss funding and the implementation of treatments e.g. Flinders Council and other relevant agencies to combine the need for fire trails with that of walking tracks.

Community engagement has previously been undertaken by the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods with the communities of Lady Barron, Emita, The Corner (truwnana/Cape Barren Island), Killiecrankie, Palana, West End, Blue Rocks, Big River and Whitemark.

3. Identifying the risks

3.1 Bushfire and impact scenarios

To set the scene for this risk assessment, the bushfire scenarios under consideration are very large events, typically 10,000 to 20,000 hectares, occurring when fuel dryness and weather conditions combine to create one or more days of very significant fire weather. Analysis of climate data was used to determine standard weather events for the scenarios – described as having an Annual Exceedance Probability of approximately 10% (SFMC 2020). An example of a bushfire scenario is:

Dry lightning on a day of FFDI 46 ignites fuels on Mount Tanner, a bushfire spreads and destroys the communications tower, with subsequent on and off island impacts. The fire also impacts the townships of Whitemark and Emita

3.2 Statewide controls

The following controls are currently in place across Tasmania to help manage bushfire-related risk:

- Legislative controls – including Fire Service Act 1979 (e.g. Fire permit period, Total Fire Ban days, campfires), National Parks and Reserves Management Act 2002 (e.g. fires and campfires), abatement notices
- TFS public education (e.g. Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods, media campaigns)
- TFS planning – community protection planning (e.g. Community Protection and Response Plans)
- Fuel Reduction Program (TFS, PWS, STT) – funding and coordination of fuel reduction burning
- SFMC programs (e.g. Red Hot Tips training program for fuel reduction burning on private land)
- FMAC – performance monitoring and reporting on this BRMP
- Tasmania Police and TFS – Statewide arson prevention programs
- Land subdivision and building standards (Bushfire-Prone Areas Code, Building Code of Australia)
- Suppression response preparedness – e.g. TFS local volunteer brigades, STT and PWS crews, forest company crews, fire towers, aircraft, pre-positioning of firefighting resources
- Weather forecasting (Bureau of Meteorology) and fire behaviour prediction (TFS, STT, PWS)

3.3 Fire Management Area controls

Summary of existing control measures for bushfire within FMA include but are not limited to:

- Situational awareness during high FDR days, through alerts and warnings to the community
- 5 brigades on Flinders and 1 on Cape Barren Island
- Fire appliances:
 - Truwana/Cape Barren Island: 1 x 4.1 appliance; and
 - Flinders: PWS (2 x 6.1); TFS (3 x 3.1; 2 x 4.1; 3 x 5.1; 1 x 3.1 Flinders Island Aboriginal Association; and other private appliances)

- Fuel reduction burning, undertaken by the Fuel Reduction Program by TFS and PWS. Recent burns including Vinegar Hill, the Flinders Island Airport (partial completion) and Lady Barron Water Treatment Plant (partial completion)
- Cape Barren cultural burning at Chimney Hill
- Fire trail at Darling Range (Class 5 standard)
- Strategic roads (links to trails and potential control lines). Five Mile road, Cameron Inlet road, Logan Lagoon road, Summers road and Memana Road to Patriarchs Inlet
- Previous community engagement programs, including Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods, community development opportunities, and support for bushfire recovery
- PWS Reserve closures on bad fire days
- Slashing of road verges by the relevant authority
- Community Preparedness Planning initiatives through the development of Bushfire Protection Plans and Bushfire Response Plans; and
- TFS Bushfire mitigation plans.

4. Analysing and evaluating bushfire risk

4.1 Analysing bushfire risks

A standard risk assessment process was used to determine priorities for this Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP) following the Tasmanian Emergency Risk Assessment Guidelines and the Bushfire Risk Management Planning Guidelines (SFMC 2020), which in summary considers:

- Consequences – what values and assets are at risk given the standard bushfire scenario under consideration
- Existing controls – how effective the existing controls are at reducing the risk and how much they are used
- Likelihood – how the likelihood of the consequence occurring is quantified, based on weather, topography, fuels and ignition potential
- Confidence level – how certain we are about the evidence and data used
- Risk rating and priority score – calculated by the risk assessment tool SFMC 2020). All of the above are recorded in the risk register ([Appendix 1](#)).

4.2 Evaluating bushfire risks

High priority assets have been identified across a range of values and are outlined in the risk register ([Appendix 1](#)).

Critical infrastructure and supporting network facilities for communication, power and water fall within the general area of high priority assets but may not be individually identified for priority actioning to review bushfire risk. Further analysis of these assets and their risk may be assessed as they are identified.

High priority communities (namely Whitemark/Blue Rocks, Lady Barron, Killiecrankie, Emita and The Corner) and the historical site of Wybalenna will be assessed at a strategic level to identify opportunities for fuel treatments and fire infrastructure in the future. Further detailed analysis may follow should key stakeholders determine local mitigation plans be required for these settlements. Existing Bushfire Response Plans will be reviewed for some communities identified as being at high risk to assist with decision making during bushfires (see Appendix 2).

Environmental values have been evaluated with consideration to vulnerability to bushfire and relative impact. These values will be regularly re-analysed during the life of this Plan.

In addition to the implementation of strategic planned fuel reduction burns guided by the priorities developed within the risk register ([Appendix 1](#)), consideration has been given to increased return intervals for fuel reduction planned burning within strategic fire management zones determined by fire practitioners.

5. Bushfire risk treatment

5.1 Treatment plan

The Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC) considered the costs, benefits, practicalities and environmental impacts of various control options for the highest priority risks. The risk treatments that were determined from these deliberations are recorded in the treatment plan ([Appendix 2](#)).

Individual landowners and organisations are usually responsible for implementing the treatments e.g. Emergency Management Plans, insurance etc. and these are indicated in the treatment plan. Exceptions are fuel reduction burning, fuel breaks etc. that are planned and conducted by the Fuel Reduction Program (TFS, PWS, STT) with the agreement of landowners.

Some treatments include:

- Developing/reviewing strategic fire management plans for the FMA. This may include development of a strategic fire management plan for Flinders Island and review of the existing mitigation plan for Truwana/Cape Barren
- Developing a continuing burn and fuel break program for identified human settlement and other values
- Further analysis of risks to communication and other assets
- Consideration of existing/potential fire trails
- Developing/reviewing Response Plans to aid decision making during incidents
- Identifying/assessing potential Nearby Safer Places
- Community education through the Bushfire Ready Neighbourhoods program when the program has capacity.

5.2 Bushfire management zones

For those assets and values where fuel management or other treatments are designated in the treatment plan ([Appendix 2](#)), bushfire management zones are used to delineate the treatment areas. The names of zones and descriptors are provided in Appendix 3.

5.3 Implementing treatments

This Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP) does not guarantee a source of funding for treatment actions, nor does it provide a process for seeking funding. The organisations and individuals that are responsible for delivering the bushfire risk treatments are responsible for developing further plans for implementation, as well as arranging resources and funding.

The BRMP is, however, intended to provide evidence and justification for where funding and resources are most appropriate to be committed by stakeholders to mitigate bushfire risk.

Many treatments identified in this plan will require environmental and cultural impact assessment. These assessments are the responsibility of the individual organisations and are not covered by this BRMP.

Not all Human Settlement Areas or other assets are able to have a treatment applied to them. It is however considered that many will benefit from treatments applied to nearby assets. Notable decisions to not directly apply treatments/not determine treatments at this time include:

- Not to actively note the treatments beyond Priority Two for natural values in this FMA
- The decision to monitor and review risk to the Human Settlement Areas of Baileys Lane (incorporating the Flinders Island High School) and Palana which were judged by the FMAC as lower risks than the other assets identified in this plan
- The decision not to identify discrete fire trails. Further analysis of potential fire trails will be undertaken in the strategic planning for the Island with analysis concentrating on what trails may be affordable and achievable during the life of this Plan.

5.4 Strategic fire infrastructure

The strategic fire trail in the Flinders Island FMA is primarily under the ownership of the Parks and Wildlife Service is listed in strategic fire trails ([Appendix 4](#)). This fire trail is designated because it is essential for fuel reduction and bushfire suppression; it should be regularly maintained to appropriate standards. Further analysis to determine potential strategic fire trails will be undertaken in more detailed fire management plans.

The Tasmanian government radio network (GRN) has been implemented across Flinders Island and provides a whole of government approach to emergency communications. Three tower sites (Mt tanner, Walkers Lookout and Vinegar Hill) are present on the island.

5.5 Fuel reduction burning

The Strategic Fire Management Zones (SFMZ) delineate general areas for treatment by fuel reduction burning. Individual burn units are not identified in this BRMP but will need to be identified within the SFMZ by further planning from the organisations responsible for carrying out the fuel reduction burning.

There are many kinds of vegetation for which it is not appropriate or practical to conduct fuel reduction burning (SFMC 2020); these vegetation communities are described as 'untreatable' and indicated on [Map 4](#). The broad vegetation communities within the FMA can be seen on [Map 5](#).

The Fuel Reduction Program that is funded, coordinated and implemented by the Tasmania Fire Service, Parks and Wildlife Service and Sustainable Timbers Tasmania is undertaken on behalf of and with the agreement of individual landowners or organisations (e.g. councils). The priorities of the Fuel Reduction Program are guided by the priorities identified in the treatment plans across all Fire Management Areas.

6. Monitoring and review

6.1 Review

This Bushfire Risk Management Plan (BRMP), including appendices and maps, will be subject to an annual minor review. The resulting revised Bushfire Risk Management Plan is submitted to the State Fire Management Council on or before 30 September for approval for the 1 October – 30 September period following that review.

Every three years a comprehensive review of the BRMP, involving a new risk assessment (that may include revised input methods) and consideration of the risk assessment and proposed treatments, will be undertaken, unless significant circumstances exist to warrant an earlier comprehensive review.

The review process will include examination of:

- changes to the Fire Management Area (FMA), organisational responsibilities or legislation
- changes to the bushfire risk in the area
- major bushfire events
- shortcomings in data that can be improved
- change of usage of the area
- new or changed asset values within the FMA.

Additional and changed data and values (both community and natural) identified by the review process will be supplied to the Bushfire Risk Unit (TFS) for inclusion in ongoing risk modelling being carried out at the state level.

6.2 Monitoring and reporting

Progress towards completion of the treatments proposed will be monitored and reviewed twice a year by the Fire Management Area Committee (FMAC); this will be documented in the Implementation Status Report which should address as a minimum:

- progress on implementation of treatments listed in the treatment plan, including
- planning outcomes including mitigation plans, community protection plans, community response plans
- implementation progress of community programs
- completed fuel reduction burns
- development and maintenance of Asset Protection Zones (APZ)
- development and maintenance of strategic fire infrastructure

At a Statewide level, the State Fire Management Council will examine the impacts of the strategic burning program on risk management as part of the strategic fuel management program.

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Appendices

Appendix 1: Risk register

Notes at the end of the risk register provide explanation for the TERAG code, Asset description and Priority FMAC columns.

| TERAG code | Asset category | Asset description (risk statement) | Consequence | Controls effectiveness | Confidence | Combined likelihood | Risk level | Priority FMAC | Treatment options | LGA |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| FLSO001 | Aboriginal Heritage | Wybalenna | Major | Low | Highest | Rare | High | 19 | | Flinders |
| FLPU003 | Critical Infrastructure | Mount Tanner communication tower | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLPU002 | Critical Infrastructure | Walkers Lookout communication tower | Moderate | Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLPU001 | Critical Infrastructure | Hays Hill communication tower | Moderate | Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLPE006 | Human Settlement Area | Lady Barron | Minor | Low | Highest | Unlikely | Low | 27 | | Flinders |
| FLPE003 | Human Settlement Area | Baileys Lane | Insignificant | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Low | 28 | | Flinders |
| FLPE001 | Human Settlement Area | Cape Barren Island | Minor | Medium | Highest | Unlikely | Low | 28 | | Flinders |
| FLPE005 | Human Settlement Area | Killiecrankie | Minor | Low | Highest | Unlikely | Low | 28 | | Flinders |
| FLPE008 | Human Settlement Area | Whitemark, Blue Rocks | Minor | Low | Highest | Unlikely | Low | 28 | | Flinders |
| FLPE002 | Human Settlement Area | Emita | Minor | Low | Highest | Rare | Low | 30 | | Flinders |
| FLPE004 | Human Settlement Area | Hays Hill | Minor | Very Low | Highest | Rare | Low | 30 | | Flinders |

| TERAG code | Asset category | Asset description (risk statement) | Consequence | Controls effectiveness | Confidence | Combined likelihood | Risk level | Priority FMAC | Treatment options | LGA |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|------------------------|------------|---------------------|------------|---------------|-------------------|----------|
| FLPE007 | Human Settlement Area | Palana | Minor | Low | Highest | Very Rare | Very Low | 32 | | Flinders |
| FLEN001 | Natural Value | Cloud, Engaeus, Remnant rainforest | Major | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | High | 11 | | Flinders |
| FLEN006 | Natural Value | Engaeus, Melaleuca | Major | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | High | 11 | | Flinders |
| FLEN002 | Natural Value | Cloud, Engaeus | Major | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | High | 13 | | Flinders |
| FLEN003 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLEN008 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLEN012 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLEN018 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLEN019 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | | Flinders |
| FLEN004 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN009 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN010 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN011 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN013 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN016 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN017 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN020 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN022 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 26 | | Flinders |
| FLEN005 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Rare | Medium | 29 | | Flinders |
| FLEN014 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Rare | Medium | 30 | | Flinders |

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|-------------|----------------------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|--------|----|----------|
| FLEN01 5 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Rare | Medium | 30 | Flinders |
| FLEN00 7 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Rare | Medium | 31 | Flinders |
| FLEN02 1 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Very Rare | Low | 32 | Flinders |
| FLEN02 3 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Very Rare | Low | 32 | Flinders |
| FLEN02 4 | Natural Value | Melaleuca | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Very Rare | Low | 32 | Flinders |
| FLEC00 1 | Production Forest | PC_rad_5t | Moderate | Very Low | Highest | Unlikely | Medium | 24 | Flinders |

NOTES

TERAG Code

First and second characters identify the FMAC: CN = Central North; EC = East Coast; FL = Flinders; HO = Hobart; KI = King Island; MI = Midlands; NE = North East; SO = Southern; TA = Tamar; WC = West Coast.

Third and fourth characters identify the Impact Area: EC = Economy; EN = Environment; PE = People; PU = Public Administration; SO = Social setting (exception – all Human Settlement Areas are coded PE for Economy).

A unique identifier is provided by the final three digits.

Asset Description (Risk Statement)

Natural value description is a list of the first word of each mapped natural value included in the cluster, in other words, a shorthand summary. The following table provides a key, although reference to the bushfire biodiversity consequence layer in the LISTmap Common Operating Platform is required to distinguish duplicate descriptors (e.g. Eucalyptus = *Eucalyptus morrisbyi* or *Eucalyptus gunnii* ssp *divaricata*).

| Descriptor | Mapping unit name |
|-----------------|--|
| Acanthornis | <i>Acanthornis magna greeniana</i> King Island scrub tit |
| Allanaspides | <i>Allanaspides hickmani</i> Hickman's pygmy mountain shrimp in Buttongrass moorland |
| Antipodia | <i>Antipodia chaostola</i> Chaostola skipper butterfly |
| Austrochloritis | <i>Austrochloritis victoriae</i> southern hairy red snail and Lavinia threatened species complex |
| Bryobatrachus | <i>Bryobatrachus nimbus</i> moss froglet |
| Castiarina | <i>Castiarina insculpta</i> Miena jewel Beetle |
| Central | Central Plateau unburnt ecosystem |
| Central | Central Plateau recovering ecosystem |
| Cloud | Cloud forest refugia |
| Coniferous | Coniferous rainforest |
| cushion | cushion moorland |
| Discocharopa | <i>Discocharopa vigens</i> ammonite Pinwheel Snail |
| Engaeus | <i>Engaeus martiniger</i> Furneaux Burrowing Crayfish |
| Eucalyptus | <i>Eucalyptus morrisbyi</i> Morrisbys gum |
| Eucalyptus | <i>Eucalyptus gunnii</i> ssp <i>divaricata</i> Miena cider gum |
| Giant | Giant Trees over 90 |
| Giant | Giant Trees under 90 |
| Highland | Highland coniferous heath |
| Hoplogonus | <i>Hoplogonus bornemisszai</i> Bornemisszas Stag Beetle |
| King | King Island <i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> King Island blue gum |
| Lissotes | <i>Lissotes latidens</i> Broad toothed stag beetle |
| Lomatia | <i>Lomatia tasmanica</i> King's lomatia |
| Neophema | <i>Neophema chrysogaster</i> orange bellied parrot |
| Nothofagus | <i>Nothofagus gunnii</i> deciduous beech |
| Palaeo | Palaeo endemic species catastrophic |
| Palaeo | Palaeo endemic species major |
| Phebalium | <i>Phebalium daviesii</i> Davies wax flower |
| Pherosphaera | <i>Pherosphaera hookeriana</i> drooping pine |
| Pneumatopteris | <i>Pneumatopteris pennigera</i> lime fern |
| Regenerating | Regenerating rainforest large patches |
| Remnant | Remnant rainforest |
| Sphagnum | Sphagnum |
| Tetratheca | <i>Tetratheca gunnii</i> shy pinkbells |
| TWWHA | TWWHA Very Tall Forest over 70 refugia |
| Melaleuca | <i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i> swamp forest |
| Notelaea | <i>Notelaea Pomaderris Beyeria</i> forest |
| Oreisplanus | <i>Oreisplanus munionga larana</i> Marrawah skipper butterfly |
| Oreixenica | <i>Oreixenica ptunarra</i> ptunarra brown butterfly |
| Palaeo | Palaeo endemic species moderate |
| Tasmanian | Tasmanian devil facilities |
| TWWHA | TWWHA Very Tall Forest over 70 |

Priority FMAC

The priority FMAC column has been calculated based on risk ratings and likelihood calculated across the entire state for all assets and values considered together. Therefore some numbers may be missing and it is the rank order that is relevant.

Appendix 2: Treatment plan

Notes at the end of the risk register provide explanation for the TERAG code, Asset description and Priority FMAC columns.

| TERAG code | Asset description (risk statement) | Priority FMAC | Treatment number | Treatment category | Treatment action detail | Bushfire management zone | Responsible organisation | Completion date proposed | Comment | Progress |
|------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| FLPU003 | Mount Tanner communication tower | 24 | 1 | Fuel reduction | Continue with fuel reduction program | APZ | TFS, consult PWS | Burn program on going | MT Tanner Burn block completed - PWS | Option analysis completed 2022 MT Tanner Burn block completed - PWS |
| FLPU002 | Walkers Lookout communication tower | 24 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | APZ | TFS, consult PWS | Early-2025 | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draft. |
| FLPU001 | Hays Hill communication tower | 26 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | APZ | TFS, consult PWS | Early-2025 | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draft. |
| FLPE006 | Lady Barron | 27 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | | TFS, consult PWS | Early-2025 | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing. Local Mitigation Plan to follow if strategic assessment deems it necessary. – draft strategic mitigation plan developed for Lady Barron | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draft. Draft Localised SMFP for lady Barron – circulated. awaiting finalisation |

| TERAG code | Asset description (risk statement) | Priority FMAC | Treatment number | Treatment category | Treatment action detail | Bushfire management zone | Responsible organisation | Completion date proposed | Comment | Progress |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|
| FLPE006 | Lady Barron | 27 | 3 | Fuel reduction | Continue with fuel reduction program | APZ | TFS | ongoing | Continue existing burn program subject to appropriate opportunities, weather and resources | Proposed burn delayed a by fuel conditions |
| FLPE006 | Lady Barron | 27 | 4 | Fuel reduction | Establish and maintain Asset Protection Zones around Taswater assets | AZ | TasWater | ongoing | | |
| FLPE006 | Lady Barron | 27 | 5 | Fuel reduction | Investigate mitigation options for waste station site | AZ | Finders Council | ongoing | | ongoing |
| FLPE006 | Lady Barron | 27 | 6 | Preparedness | Review Lady Barron Response Plan | | TFS | | | Completed 2023 |
| FLPE003 | Baileys Lane | 28 | 7 | Accept risk | Monitor and review | | DHHS | ongoing | | Bush fire ready school recommendations provided to school. |
| FLPE001 | Cape Barren Island | 28 | 8 | Fuel reduction | Review truwana/Cape Barren Island Mitigation Plan | SFMZ | TFS | To be instigated | Existing Mitigation Plan due for review in 2021 | Delayed due to resourcing |
| FLPE001 | Cape Barren Island | 28 | 9 | Fuel reduction | Continuation of fuel break maintenance | APZ | CBIAA | ongoing | Continue with fuel breaks as identified in existing Mitigation Plan | ongoing |
| FLPE001 | Cape Barren Island | 28 | 10 | Fuel reduction | Establish and maintain Asset Protection Zones around Taswater assets | AZ | TasWater | ongoing | As per existing Mitigation Plan | ongoing |

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|---------|-----------------------|----|----|----------------|--|------|------------------|------------|--|---|
| FLPE005 | Killiecrankie | 28 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | | TFS, consult PWS | Early-2025 | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing. Local Mitigation Plan to follow if strategic assessment deems it necessary. | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draf. delayed due to resourcing |
| FLPE005 | Killiecrankie | 28 | 11 | Fuel reduction | Continue with fuel reduction program | SFMZ | TFS/PWS | ongoing | Continue existing burn program subject to appropriate opportunities, weather and resources | ongoing |
| FLPE005 | Killiecrankie | 28 | 12 | Preparedness | Review Killiecrankie Area Response Plan | | TFS | completed | | completed |
| FLPE008 | Whitemark, Blue Rocks | 28 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | | TFS, consult PWS | Early 2025 | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing. Local Mitigation Plan to follow if strategic assessment deems it necessary. | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draft Whitemark Response plan updated 2022 |
| FLPE008 | Whitemark, Blue Rocks | 28 | 13 | Fuel reduction | Continue with fuel reduction program | APZ | TFS | ongoing | Continue existing burn program subject to appropriate opportunities, weather and resources | ongoing |

| TERAG code | Asset description (risk statement) | Priority FMAC | Treatment number | Treatment category | Treatment action detail | Bushfire management zone | Responsible organisation | Completion date proposed | Comment | Progress |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| FLPE008 | Whitemark, Blue Rocks | 28 | 14 | Preparedness | Review Whitemark Response Plan | | TFS | | | completed |
| FLPE002 | Emita | 30 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | | PWS, TFS | ongoing | Local Mitigation Plan to follow if strategic assessment deems it necessary. PWS to develop mitigation options for Emita including to east of settlement. | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan Is in draft |
| FLPE002 | Emita | 30 | 15 | Preparedness | Review Emita Response Plan | | TFS | To be advised | requires review, existing plan 2014 | To be advised |
| FLPE004 | Hays Hill | 30 | 2 | Fuel reduction | Development of Flinders Island Strategic Mitigation Plan | | TFS, consult PWS | To be advised | Programmed for completion in 2021 - ongoing. Local Mitigation Plan to follow if strategic assessment deems it necessary. | Flinders island strategic mitigation plan is in draft |

| TERAG code | Asset description (risk statement) | Priority FMAC | Treatment number | Treatment category | Treatment action detail | Bushfire management zone | Responsible organisation | Completion date proposed | Comment | Progress |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|----------|
| FLPE004 | Hays Hill | 30 | 16 | Fuel reduction | Investigate protection of critical infrastructure and ongoing maintenance of power station | AZ | Hydro | ongoing | Assess values at risk, determine what mitigation activities are appropriate | ongoing |
| FLPE004 | Hays Hill | 30 | 17 | Fuel reduction | Investigate options for waste station site | AZ | Flinders Council | ongoing | Previous plan refers to 'removal, other...' | ongoing |
| FLPE004 | Hays Hill | 30 | 18 | Fuel reduction | Establish and maintain Asset Protection Zones around Taswater assets | AZ | TasWater | ongoing | | ongoing |
| FLPE007 | Palana | 32 | 19 | Accept risk | Monitor and review | | TFS | ongoing | Monitor and review during the life of this plan. | ongoing |

Appendix 3: Bushfire Management

| Zone | Primary purpose | General location | Risk treatments |
|--|--|---|--|
| Asset Zone (AZ) | To identify assets and values requiring bushfire exclusion. | The physical boundary of the asset. | Building design elements such as: fire-resistant materials, ember proofing, sprinklers, water storage etc. Response plans. |
| Asset Protection Zone (APZ) | To protect human life, property and highly valued assets and values. | Adjacent to Asset Zones or elements in the landscape that can be used to this effect. Width determined by characteristics of the asset and the bushfire hazard (effective slope, vegetation type). This zone may encompass multiple land tenures. | Intensive bushfire fuel treatment around specific assets and the urban–rural interface to provide a fuel reduced buffer. May include both burning and mechanical fuel reduction. Includes Hazard Management Areas. Manipulation of fuel moisture (e.g. sprinklers), response plans. |
| Strategic Fire Management Zone (SFMZ) | To provide areas of reduced fuel in strategic locations, to reduce the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • speed and intensity of bushfires • potential for spot-fire development • size of bushfires. To aid containment of bushfires. | Located close to or some distance away from assets (e.g. the urban–rural interface). Identified fire paths inform the location and delineation of the zone. | Fuel reduction burning, including broad-scale fuel treatment. Management should aim to achieve mosaic fuel reduction patterns. Fire intervals and intensity generally do not exceed ecological thresholds. Other bushfire protection measures to assist bushfire control: fire trails, water points, detection measures, response plans. |
| Land Management Zone (LMZ) | To meet the objectives of the relevant land manager such as: Traditional Owner practices, biodiversity conservation, production forestry, farming, research or recreation. | Any bushland areas outside the above zones. | Various, but can include planned burning, experimental treatments, fire exclusion or no planned action. |

Appendix 4: Strategic Fire

| Fire trail name | Location description | Responsible organisation | Standard | Strategic purpose |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Darling Range Strategic Fire Trail | Darling Range | PWS | Class 5 | Access |

Appendix 5: Current implementation plans

Current Bushfire Mitigation Plans

| Plan owner | Plan title | Year | Treatment numbers |
|------------|--|------|-------------------|
| TFS | Community Bushfire Mitigation Plan truwana/Cape Barren (including water reservoir) | 2015 | 1 |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Mitigation Plan Lady Barron | 2015 | 4 |

Current Bushfire Response Plans

| Plan owner | Plan title | Year | Treatment numbers |
|------------|---|------|-------------------|
| TFS | Community Bushfire Response Plan Palana | 2014 | N/A |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Response Plan Killiecrankie Area (including West End and Leeka) | 2014 | 10 |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Response Plan Emita Area (including Lughrata) | 2014 | 5 |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Response Plan Whitemark Area (including Blue Rocks and Long Point) | 2022 | 18 |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Response Plan Lady Barron (including Badger Corner) | 2023 | 15 |

Current Bushfire Protection Plans

| Plan owner | Plan title | Year | Treatment numbers |
|------------|---|------|-------------------|
| TFS | Community Bushfire Protection Plan Palana | 2014 | |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Protection Plan Killiecrankie Area (including West End and Leeka) | 2014 | |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Protection Plan Emita Area (including Lughrata) | 2014 | |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Protection Plan Whitemark Area (including Blue Rocks and Long Point) | 2022 | |
| TFS | Community Bushfire Protection Plan Lady Barron (including Badger Corner) | 2023 | |

Other

| Plan owner | Plan title | Year | Treatment numbers |
|------------|--|--------|-------------------|
| PWS | Northern Region Strategic Fire Management Plan | 2009 | |
| PWS | Fire Action Plan | Annual | |

Maps

All maps are published on LISTmap; Maps 3, 4 and 5 are not published in the BRMP because they include too much detail to be seen on an A4 map.

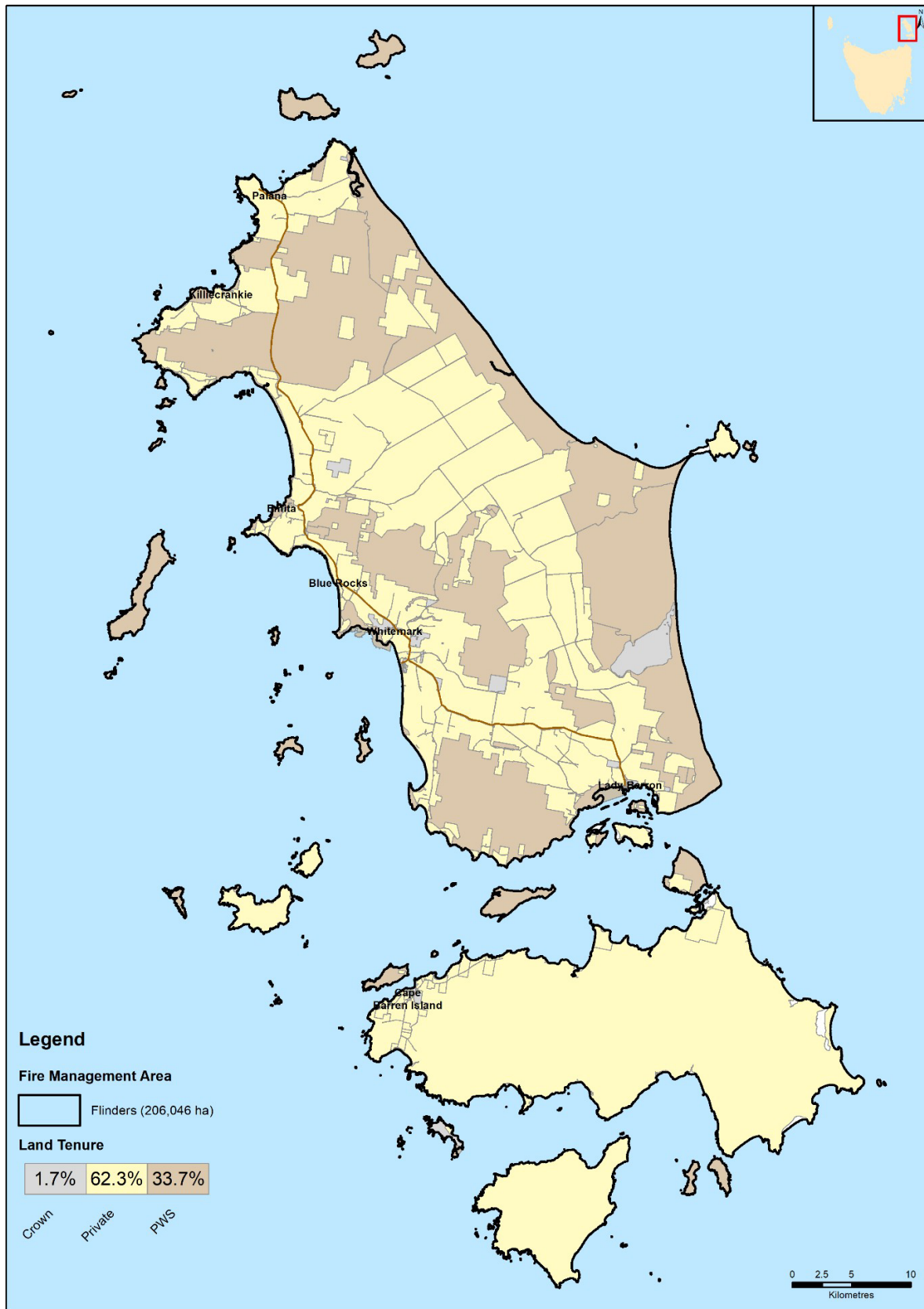
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5. To find out more information on a map item or location, click on the map once and an 'Identify Results' box will appear with details on all layers for that point. Click on the arrows at the left side of this list to view more information.

Map 1: Flinders Fire Management Area location

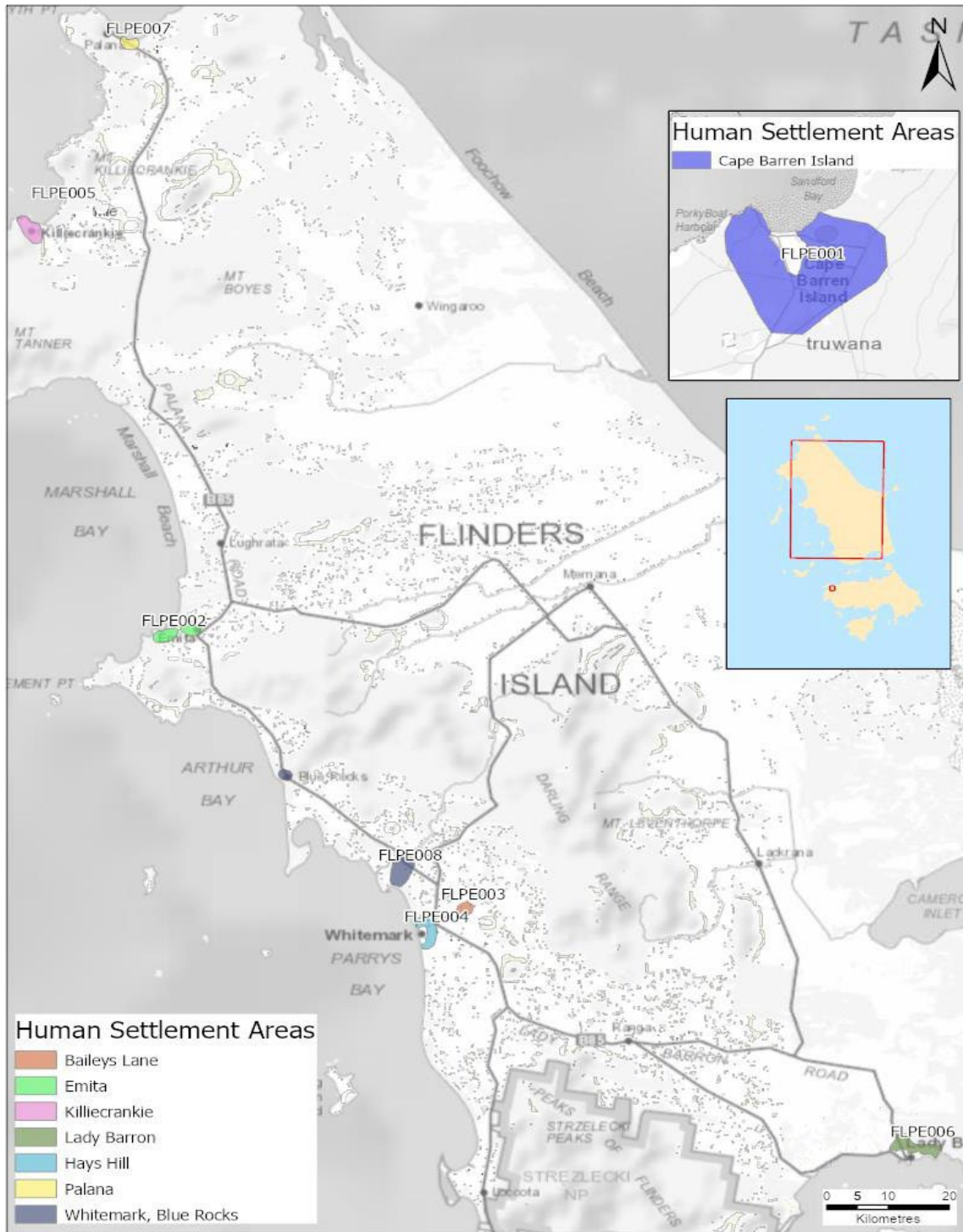


Map 2: Tenure summary map for Flinders Fire Management Area

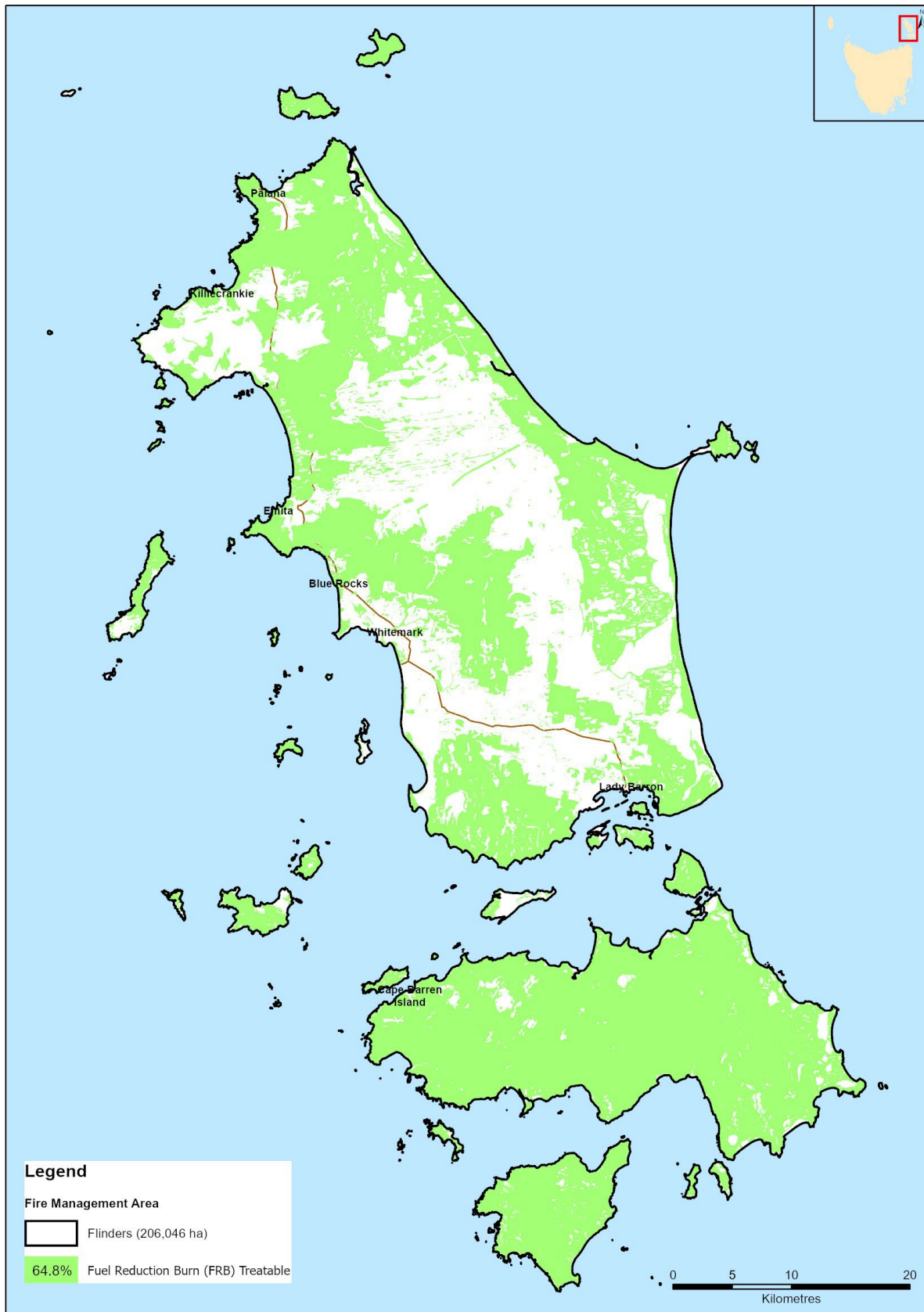


Map 3: Assets and values from the risk register for Flinders Fire Management Area

An example of the assets and values from the risk register in the human settlement areas of the Flinders FMA. The full map covering the entire FMA is published on LISTmap – [click here to go to this link.](#)



Map 4: Fuel treatability for Flinders Fire Management Area



Map 5: Vegetation for Flinders Fire Management Area

