

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee 2020-21 Budget Estimates Hearings

EMERGENCY SERVICES

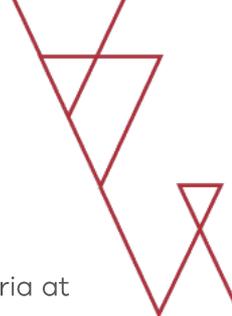
The Hon Lisa Neville MP

Minister for Police and Emergency Services
Minister for the Coordination of Environment,
Water, Land and Planning – COVID-19

Wednesday 16 December 2020



Emergency Management **Fire Services Reform**

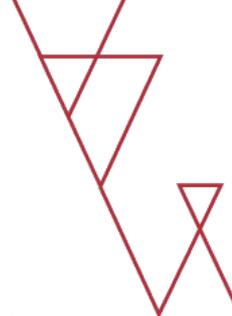


2 July 2019	Presumptive Rights Scheme commenced
February – March 2020	Intensive consultation conducted with 1,300 CFA volunteers across regional Victoria at integrated and volunteer stations
February – March – June 2020	Public awareness campaign conducted
1 July 2020	Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) established , bringing together all former Metropolitan Fire Brigade staff and Country Fire Authority (CFA) career firefighters and other support staff <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CFA realigned as a volunteer firefighting organisation• Upgrades to the ESTA computer aided dispatch system completed• No disruption to service delivery
1 August 2020	FRV and CFA Outcomes Frameworks published
September – October 2020	Public awareness campaign conducted
2 October 2020	FRV Strategic Advisory Committee announced
15 October 2020	Year One Fire Services Reform Implementation Plan tabled in Parliament <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Long-term Secondment Agreement between FRV and CFA in place• Service Level Agreements for state-wide delivery of specialist services in place
13 November 2020	Fire District Review Panel announced

Emergency Management Budget investment

The 2020-21 Victorian Budget makes significant commitments towards Victoria's emergency services capability, including:

- **\$231.6 million** over four years (part of \$250 million over five years) to deliver fire services reform implementation. This includes
 - Training and new personal protective clothing for volunteers, the replacement of fifteen fire stations and a new fire station at Clyde, and replacement of fifty firefighting appliances
 - Essential information technology and equipment for Fire Rescue Victoria and the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority and operational management resources for CFA that are to be seconded from FRV.
- **\$123.8 million** over four years to bolster Victoria's bushfire response and recovery capacity.
- **\$3.1 million** over one year for repairs for the Victoria's State Emergency Service head office.
- **\$19.5 million** over two years for a full-time State Control Centre workforce with 24/7 functionality, and a review into the emergency management operating model.
- **\$51.9 million** for the continued operation of the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority (ESTA) and the upgrade of the computer aided dispatch system to support the Triple Zero service.
- **\$4.9 million** over one year to support Life Saving Victoria in delivering critical water safety initiatives this summer, and to respond to COVID-19 impacts on its costs and revenue.
- **\$0.9 million** over one year to redevelop the Barwon Heads Surf Lifesaving facility.
- **\$4.0 million** over one year to upgrade the VicEmergency app and EM-COP communications system.
- **\$5.4 million** over one year for continuation of the Victorian Fire Season Campaign.
- **\$1.9 million** over one year to help Marine Search and Rescue units meet their operating costs.



Emergency Management 2019-20 Victorian Fires



Fire
overview

2,963

Grass fires (CFA)

545

Forest fires (DELWP)

1.5 million

Hectares of land burnt

1,400 km

of arterial roads closed

1,922

evacuated from
Mallacoota by sea or air



People and
wellbeing

5

people lost
their lives

120+

communities
directly impacted



Aboriginal
Culture &
Healing

248

Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islanders
impacted



Buildings and
infrastructure

312

Primary residences
destroyed or damaged

691

Farm and business
buildings destroyed or
damaged



Environment &
Biodiversity

57%

of state forest burnt in
the three most directly
hit LGAs



Business and
economy

\$330 - \$350m

in lost tourism revenue in
bushfire affected regions
between December 2019
and March 2020

22%

of agricultural land in the fire
affected area was burnt

\$40m

in damage to
agriculture buildings

10,000

livestock lost

Emergency Management 2019-20 Bushfire Season Recovery

Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV)

Established as our permanent and dedicated recovery agency

\$250m

Has been directly released to individuals, business and organisations in bushfire affected communities

\$68.6m

Local Economic Recovery (LER) Program Community grants rolling out - \$6.7m approved

Clean up of

736 properties

(over 2,500 structures) completed on time

Establishment of

10 CRCs in East Gippsland and
12 CRCs in the North East

- Supporting community led processes to identify and deliver local recovery priorities

Rollout of

Short Term Modular Housing

Eastern Victoria Fires State Recovery Plan and BRV Recovery Framework

- Coinciding with an announcement of more than \$110 million toward recovery projects

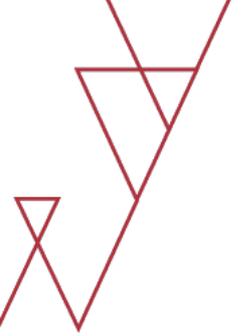
Working in partnership and advocating to the Commonwealth Government to

increase access and supports

Supporting

planning and rebuilding





Thank you.

