

'On the Land' Project



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HOT NEWS

'On the Land'

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Speakers included Mr Bruce Esplin
and Mr Simon Ramsay

On the Land - Agricultural fire management guidelines (CFA 2007)			
Section 1 Agricultural Fire Management Guidelines	Section 2 Understanding Fire Management	Section 3 Fire Management Advice	Section 4 Appendices

Background

CFA has recently finalised guidelines ('On the Land') for fire management on cropping, grazing and timber plantation enterprises and smaller rural lifestyle properties.

'On the Land' provides an overview of what is required to plan and undertake fire management on rural properties. It provides overall direction for fire management on private land supported by more specific fire management advice.

This document will assist landholders to make sound decisions regarding fire management on their land, particularly those that are new to farming, undertaking whole farm planning or trying new enterprises or new farming practices.

These guidelines were developed in consultation with landholders, CFA members, the Victorian Farmers Federation, Department Primary Industries, Department Sustainability and Environment and industry groups.

Project Update

CFA recently hosted the launch of 'On the Land' by the Emergency Services Commissioner, Mr Bruce Esplin, at the Elmore Field Days. He outlined the value of this document to landowners and managers and as a resource for organisations that provide fire safety advice.

Mr Simon Ramsay, Victorian Farmers Federation President also spoke at this event. He said, "I am happy to be associated with promoting 'On the Land' and fire safety within the farming community."

CFA is currently in the process of distributing 'On the Land' across the rural community through agricultural shows and municipal offices.

Thanks

CFA appreciates the time and efforts that a range of individuals and organisations have given to help ensure that these guidelines are effective. CFA also appreciates the support of the State Government as a result of the Victorian Bushfire Inquiry in developing 'On the Land'.

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