

A PERSPECTIVE ON FIRE

Support material 5

Fire is the result of extreme heat and combustion and has been an extraordinarily helpful part of nature.

Humans began controlling fire and using it to cook food over 1 million years ago and also used it for warmth, land management, light and hunting.

Without fire we and our environment would not have evolved the way we have.

Today fire is a common part of everyday life. We still use fire for cooking, warmth, light and land management, but also use it for many other things such as the manufacturing of products and for entertainment such as fireworks.

We have learnt how to create and control fire, and when done so it is extremely helpful for these purposes.

However when fire is unexpected, undesirable and uncontrollable it can become extremely dangerous. These fires include house, factory and bushfires.

It is therefore important to learn about fire preparedness and control. That way we can enjoy the benefits of fire without being put at risk of harm.

