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Attention: Mr Ray Chan

Dear Mr Appleyard,

### **CODE CHANGE REQUEST: CHAPTER 8A, BUSHFIRE MITIGATION**

Tasmania Fire Service wishes to make the following submission about the above Code Change Request.

Firstly, TFS notes that the new methods used by TasNetworks to model their risk are closely aligned to those used by Fire Behaviour Analysts for bushfire prediction and for fire risk analysis such as that recently conducted for the State Fire Management Council and published in the report titled: State Fire Management Council 2014. Bushfire in Tasmania: A new approach to reducing our statewide relative risk. State Fire Management Council Unit, Tasmania Fire Service, Hobart, Tasmania, available at:  
[http://www.sfmc.tas.gov.au/sites/sfmc.tas.gov.au/files/Bushfire\\_In\\_Tasmania%20V1.2%20pdf%20web%20version\\_0.pdf](http://www.sfmc.tas.gov.au/sites/sfmc.tas.gov.au/files/Bushfire_In_Tasmania%20V1.2%20pdf%20web%20version_0.pdf)  
. These methods have classified the high fire risk area which is based on improved input information and analytic techniques and therefore are a significant improvement in suitability and rigour over the previous map provided by TFS which was based on more general data and expert opinion.

The production of the new risk analysis has stimulated a revision to the wording of the Bushfire Mitigation chapter in the Code which TFS has assisted.

As a result of the above TFS is very happy to support the Code Change Request. I can also inform you that the State Fire Management Council previously endorsed the current Code as a suitable basis for vegetation management under private powerlines and will consider doing the same when the results of the Code Change Request are released.

Finally, Tasmania Fire Service (TFS) would like to thank the officers at OTTER who have facilitated this process as they have been very organised and helpful. If there are any queries about this submission or if TFS can assist your deliberations please contact Mark Chladil, Fire Management Planning Officer on 6230-8615 or [Mark.Chladil@fire.tas.gov.au](mailto:Mark.Chladil@fire.tas.gov.au) .

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