

# **List of the committee's recommendations**

## **Recommendation 1**

1.126 The Commonwealth Government examine potential new arrangements for Commonwealth involvement in the development and implementation of a national policy for bushfire management.

## **Recommendation 2**

3.20 The Commonwealth co-ordinate a standing national arson forum between fire and law enforcement agencies to be held every two years.

## **Recommendation 3**

3.24 The Productivity Commission undertake an examination of bushfire risk from ageing power infrastructure, including an assessment of replacement costs and likely suppression costs from bushfires caused by defective infrastructure.

## **Recommendation 4**

3.25 Subject to the findings of the Productivity Commission, the Commonwealth examine options for the funding of replacement of power infrastructure that presents an unacceptable bushfire risk.

## **Recommendation 5**

3.199 The Commonwealth seek agreement from the states and territories that would enable it to evaluate the adequacy of fuel reduction programs applied by public land management agencies in high bushfire risk areas, and audit their implementation against the program's stated objectives.

## **Recommendation 6**

3.201 The Commonwealth publish all fuel reduction plans and related audit findings on a national database.

## **Recommendation 7**

3.262 The Commonwealth consult with local, state and territory government planning authorities on the development and dissemination of a house loss risk index for households in Australia's highest risk bushfire areas.

## **Recommendation 8**

3.264 The Commonwealth Government work with the states and their agencies to ensure consistent terminology is used when communicating with the public.

### **Recommendation 9**

5.15 Further Commonwealth funding for bushfire suppression be made conditional on state fire agencies agreeing to the Commonwealth evaluating and auditing their fuel reduction programs.

### **Recommendation 10**

5.53 The Commonwealth assist the states with bushfire training for land managers and volunteers by co-ordinating curriculum development and delivery of a national bushfire accreditation course, to be delivered by the relevant state agencies.

### **Recommendation 11**

5.54 The Commonwealth organise the co-operation of state land management and fire agencies to provide the practical training aspect of the curriculum as part of a national bushfire accreditation course.

### **Recommendation 12**

5.78 The Commonwealth encourages further research into prescribed burning and its effectiveness and into alternative bushfire mitigation approaches through improved bushfire risk understanding at the asset level.

### **Recommendation 13**

5.80 At the conclusion of the current Bushfire CRC funding agreement the Commonwealth establish a new permanent bushfire research institute.

### **Recommendation 14**

5.82 The Productivity Commission be tasked to assess the economic effects of recent major bushfires on the Australian economy to determine the cost effectiveness of prescribed burning as a mitigation strategy.

### **Recommendation 15**

5.115 The committee recommends that the Commonwealth co-ordinate a national approach to the pooling of ground fire fighting resources across agencies and jurisdictions to maximise the efficiency of their use.