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VICTORIANS TO HAVE SAY ON BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Andrews Labor Government is seeking community feedback on the draft of *Victoria's Bushfire Management Strategy* - setting the 10-year vision for bushfire management in Victoria.

Victorians live in one of the most bushfire-prone regions in the world and while fire is a natural part of many Victorian environments, major bushfire events have had devastating impacts and climate change is increasing their severity and frequency.

The draft strategy focuses on the shared responsibility of government, land and fire agencies, the community and Traditional Owners to protect the things Victorians value most from bushfire. It will help communities develop a common understanding of bushfire risk and determine the right actions to reduce that risk.

Feedback from the Victorian community will ensure the document properly reflects Victoria's collective goals for bushfire management, creating more resilient communities.

To have your say and to help shape the direction of bushfire management in Victoria over the next 10 years, please visit engage.vic.gov.au/victorias-bushfire-management-strategy.

Consultation on the strategy closes on Sunday 20 August.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt

"We know that when communities understand bushfire risks and apply the right practical solutions they reduce their exposure to bushfire hazards and become more resilient."

"We want all Victorians to have their say and to help us set the 10-year plan for bushfire management across our state."

Quote attributable to Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes

"We need to remain bushfire ready, and this strategy will make sure Victoria improves our fire management activities for the next decade."