



Fire Management . . .

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FIRE research activities within CALM are being reviewed with the assistance of Dr Malcolm Gill, a fire researcher with CSIRO.

Dr Gill is a Principal Research Scientist with the Division of Plant Industry in Canberra.

His considerable research experience spans the behaviour and effects of fire in a range of ecosystems throughout Australia.

The primary purpose of the review is to summarise the available information on fire in W.A. and recommend areas where further research should be directed.

Fire management is a key issue on most of the land administered by CALM and a review of this type will assist in efficient allocation of research efforts.

Dr Gill will make three separate visits to WA in his role as a consultant to the Department.

During his first visit from August 5-9, Dr Gill met the Directors and General Manager, Roger Underwood, to discuss the current policies which govern fire management on CALM lands.

He inspected current operations and research programmes in the southern forests near Manjimup, and examined aspects of fire management in

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wheatbelt reserves around Narrogin.

Discussions were also held with staff from Protection, Research and Planning and Operations branches.

Dr Gill will return in mid September for further meetings with CALM staff, as well as scientists from CSIRO and tertiary institutes with an interest in fire research.

Recommendations from the review will be presented to a panel for discussion during a subsequent visit, and a final report for implementation is expected by the end of the year.

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