

Fire protection and the urban/rural interface 'Constraints or Opportunities' (a discussion paper) (abstract only)

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ABSTRACT

Fire protection and safety at the urban/rural interface throughout Australia has been subject to considerable research, with findings tending to focus on the more technical aspects of standards, specifications, planning processes, environmental considerations and fire suppression. Internationally, the same aspects have been analysed, researched and documented but little reference has been made to equally relevant issues that are an integral aspect of ensuring fire protection at the urban/rural interface.

This discussion paper sets out to highlight the importance of social, funding and educational issues in ensuring fire safety at the urban/rural interface and seeks to analyse their influence in relation to more orthodox technical issues. It is argued that developers, planners, State and Local Authorities, fire agencies, land managers and other stakeholders should be more aware of social, funding and educational issues and should consider them more comprehensively when determining planning, development and maintenance cycles at the urban/rural interface.

