

# Fact Sheet:

## Seqwater Fire Management



## Protecting life, property and the environment

As a major landholder in South East Queensland and a Queensland Government Statutory Authority, Seqwater has a responsibility to address fire management and risk mitigation within our Dam catchments. We are progressing an annual planned burns program for each season to reduce forest fuel levels, reduce bush fire risk levels and enhance biodiversity outcomes for the catchment areas we manage.

### Planned burns

Planned burns help reduce forest fuel loads, such as grasses and dense undergrowth including some elevated fuels, which can reduce the risks of bushfires in our catchments and natural areas. We conduct seasonal planned burns during the cooler months, outside of the bushfire season.

Our aim is to complete planned burns as recommended for the various regional ecosystem types when conditions suit a specific burn outcome. The timing and intensity of burns is highly dependent on weather conditions (i.e. wind direction, temperature, relative humidity, fuel moisture). Catchment locations are prioritised each year to ensure those areas with the highest bushfire risk are completed first. In delivering our planned burns program, we work closely with a range of key partner agencies including the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and Department of Resources, local rural fire brigades and local councils.



### Protecting you, your property and the environment

The protection of life and property is our top priority. We work with adjoining landholders wherever we can to address bushfire risk through joint burns and established mitigation or fuel reduction zones. We also maintain firebreaks (areas of bare earth or slashed grass) on our land and adjoining land to help protect key infrastructure and nearby freehold properties.

Planned burns also enhance biodiversity. During planned burns, we establish conservation protection zones and use a range of techniques, such as mosaic burn patterns, to maintain and improve biodiversity and ecological values for native flora and fauna.

If you live near our land and are concerned about bushfire risks on your property, please contact us to discuss the fire management plan for your area.

## What to expect during a planned burn

If a planned burn is to be conducted in your area, we will hand-deliver a notice card to the immediately affected properties in the days prior once our safety checks and weather conditions have been confirmed. Signage will also be in place when a planned burn is in progress.

Smoke may drift into residential areas near the burn and can stay around for up to two weeks after.

To reduce the effects of smoke:

- avoid hanging washing out to dry during the burn period
- stay indoors
- close windows and doors


If you have a respiratory condition:

- stay indoors with windows and doors closed and use an air-purifier if available
- discuss the planned burns with your health practitioner and follow their advice
- ensure you always carry necessary medications with you
- if you start to feel unwell, please contact your health practitioner, and in the case of an emergency, please call triple zero (000).


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## Further information

For more info or to find out about planned burns in your area:

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