



SEMC BULLETIN

THE STRATEGIC CONTROL PRIORITIES FOR THE PRESCRIBED HAZARD OF FIRE ARE:

- **PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF LIFE:** This is the fundamental overarching priority for the State, and includes:
 - Safety of emergency services personnel.
 - Safety of community members including vulnerable community members and visitors/tourists located within the incident area.
- **Community warnings and information**
- **Protection of critical infrastructure and community assets**
- **Protection of residential property**
- **Protection of assets supporting individual livelihood and community financial sustainability**
- **Protection of environmental and heritage values.**

Protection and preservation of life must be taken into account when considering the State strategic control priorities that identify the priority roles and actions for the emergency management response, where there are concurrent risks or competing priorities.

The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has confirmed this set of State strategic control priorities to underpin and guide all decisions made during the emergency management (EM) response to fire in Western Australia. These priorities provide clear direction on the factors to be considered during an emergency response.

This bulletin has been issued in relation to the EM response to fire, as defined and prescribed in the EM legislation. In 2017, in consultation with relevant stakeholders, this bulletin will be reviewed to be applicable to all of the State's prescribed hazards under the State's EM legislation and reissued.