

# CFS FACT SHEET

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## Bushfire Advice and Warning Messages

Fire can threaten suddenly and without warning so you should always be ready to act.

The CFS will provide as much information as possible to help you make an informed decision however you may not always receive an official warning directly.

### Stay Informed

Look and listen for information on radio, television, internet, mobile phones and by speaking with neighbours

**Do not rely on a single source for emergency information.**

**Do not wait for a warning message before you act.**

- **CFS website** [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)
- **CFS Bushfire Information Hotline:** 1300 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
- **Download the Alert SA smart phone app**
- **On local ABC radio, FIVEaa, or one of our other Emergency Broadcast Partner radio stations (find the full list of radio stations on the CFS website).**

**However, if you are in a bushfire risk area it is important that you remain vigilant during the summer and do not rely solely on these messages as there is no guarantee you will receive one in time.**

A bushfire can and threaten homes and lives more quickly than CFS is able to respond.

There are three levels of messages that can be issued during a bushfire on radio and the CFS website.

You should take all of messages seriously and consider the information carefully as they are to alert you to danger so that you can take action:

### Bushfire Advice Message

Bushfire **Advice** Messages will be issued for bushfires that may pose a threat to property, public safety or events that may generate interest or involve a specific risk and meet the following criteria:

- A bushfire has been reported and the CFS is attending however this is general information to keep you up to date. No further information is available (an Incident notification); or
- A bushfire is producing a specific risk (i.e. Smoke) in an area that may cause concern to the public; or
- It is a fire burning in a remote area away from people, homes or structures.

### Bushfire Watch & Act Message

Bushfire **Watch & Act** Messages will be issued on a regular basis for bushfires that pose a localised threat to property or public safety. You need to start taking action now to prepare for the approaching fire front and protect yourself and your family. **Put your Bushfire Survival Plan into action (avoid a 'wait and see' response).**

- A bushfire is threatening or has the potential to pose a threat to public safety in the immediate area of the fire; or
- A bushfire is producing a specific risk (i.e. Smoke) in an area that may cause concern to the public on a day of elevated fire danger.

### Bushfire Emergency Warning Message

Bushfire **Emergency Warning** Messages are the highest level of warning to South Australians regarding a bushfire, and will generally be issued for wide area community impact (townships, suburbs, council areas).

**You will be impacted by fire and you need to take action immediately.**

A Bushfire **Emergency Warning** Message will be issued when:

- An uncontrolled bushfire is burning under Severe to Catastrophic Fire Weather conditions; and
- The risk of loss of life or threat to properties is almost certain or has occurred;
- Where special circumstances exist and specifically approved by the State Coordinator. (i.e. a life or house has been lost)



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## Advice - Reduced Threat

A Reduced Threat Message is issued when the threat to the community has reduced. These messages will be issued when previously broadcasted messages are no longer relevant and a cancellation of the message is required. All bushfire incidents that have had an Advice, Watch and Act or Emergency Warning Message issued will be finalised with an Advice – Reduced Threat message.

## "Revoke" Messages

CFS will issue a "revoke" message when a current active message is edited or re-issued. A "Message Revoke" email will be sent, advising the Message ID number that has been revoked, and the ID of the replacement message if one applies (see examples below). The Message ID number can be found on the upper left hand side of all messages.

## WARNING MESSAGE



Message 0000062 has been revoked, replaced with message 0000063

Please do not reply to this email - this mailbox is not checked regularly.

For media enquiries telephone the CFS Media Line on (08) 8212 9849.

**Further information:**

Contact the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361, for hearing or speech impaired users, phone 1300 555 727 then ask for 1300 362 361 or teletype service TTY 133 677 then ask for 1300 362 361.  
Other options are available at [National Relay Service](#).  
Or visit [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

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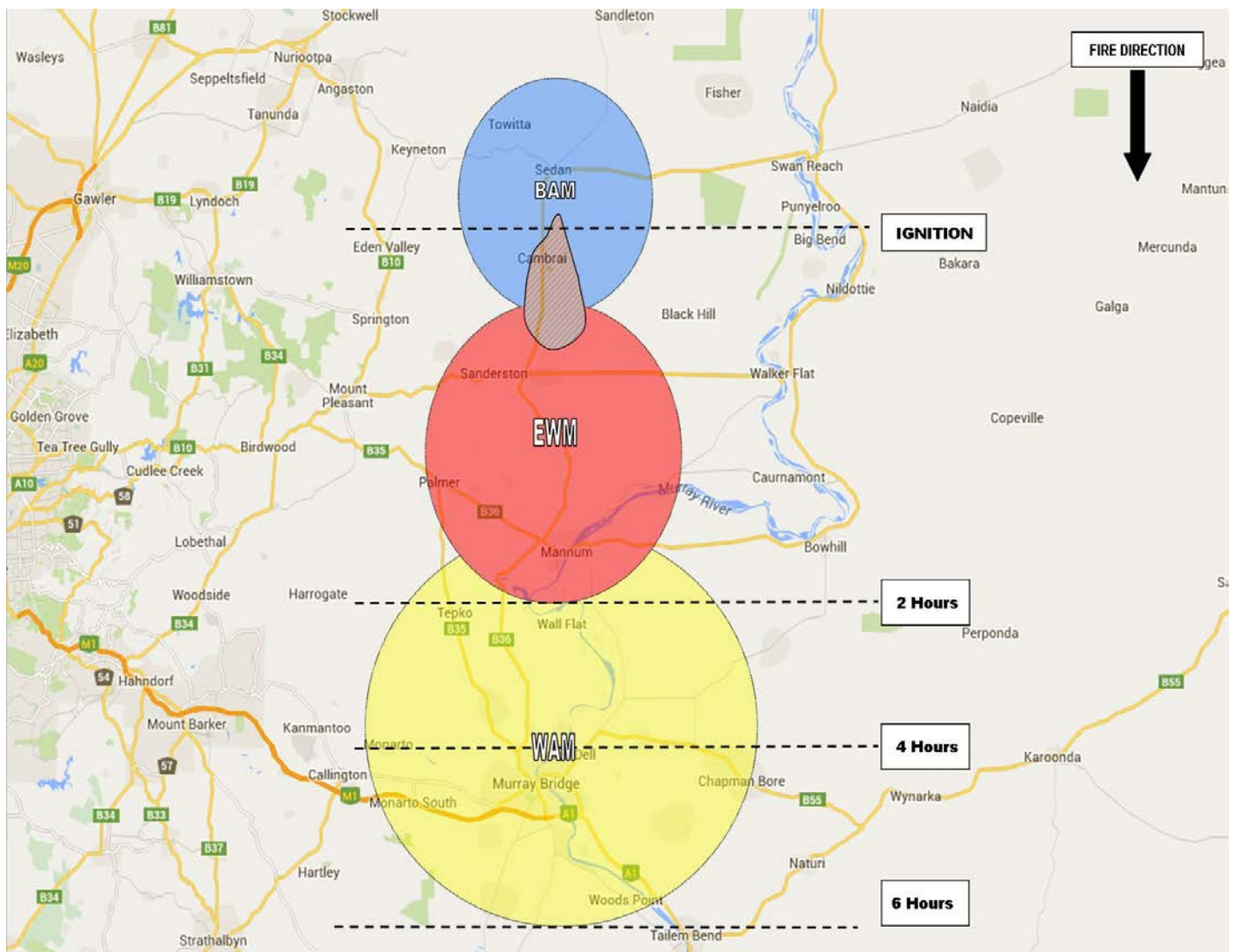
## Multiple Messages for Bushfires

Multiple messages will be considered where a fire is impacting communities necessitating different calls to action.

Reasons for consideration of multiple messages might include:


- Topography changes;
- Complexity of a fire;
- Homes, properties, assets and infrastructure under threat;
- Differing fire direction;
- Severity and behaviour in specific sections of the fire ground that are uncharacteristic to the other parts of the fire ground;
- Long protracted incidents.


In the example below, a Bushfire **Advice** Message has been issued (the blue area) advising of smoke in the area, while a Bushfire **Emergency Warning** Message (the red area) has been issued for the predicted impact area and a Bushfire **Watch & Act** Message (the yellow area) for the area where impact is predicted in more than 2 hours




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The Incidents table on the CFS website at <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/incidents> will show multiple warning messages in a pop up window, with links to the warning messages from the table.

Date	Time	Message	Location Name	Region	Type	Status	Level	Resources	Aircraft	Show on Map
14/10/2015	08:56		CAMERON STREET NARACOORTE	5	Grass Fire	GOING	1	4	0	
14/10/2015	08:54		TANTANOOLA ROAD TANTANOOLA	5	Tree Fire	GOING	1	1	0	
07/10/2015	09:49		ADELAIDE ROAD MANNUM	3	Fumigation	GOING	1	0	0	
29/09/2015	11:50		BLACK HEATH ROAD ROCKLEIGH	3	Grass Fire	GOING	1	5	0	
29/09/2015	08:37		2015							
14/09/2015	14:12		2015							
14/09/2015	11:13		2015							
14/09/2015	11:07		ONE TREE HILL ROAD ONE TREE HILL	2	Tree Fire	GOING	1	1	0	
10/09/2015	14:39		HALIFAX STREET ADELAIDE	MFS	Grass Fire	GOING	1	0	0	
10/09/2015	14:28		CARRINGTON STREET ADELAIDE	MFS	Grass Fire	GOING	1	0	0	

**BLACK HEATH ROAD, ROCKLEIGH**  
 Advice : ROCKLEIGH

**BLACK HEATH ROAD, ROCKLEIGH**  
 Emergency Warning : ROCKLEIGH

## Emergency Alert - National Warning System

Emergency Alert is an additional tool to help provide information and warn a community of a likely or actual emergency.

The warning system sends voice messages to landline telephones and text messages to mobile telephones within a specific warning area defined by CFS.

If you receive an Emergency Alert message you are under threat and need to take immediate action.

**An Emergency Alert message is not the primary means of communicating bushfire information to the community and is utilised in conjunction with Bushfire Emergency Warning Messages.**

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