

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Built Environment Bushfire Support Roundtable

### PROPOSED PROJECTS

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> Built Environment Bushfire Support Roundtable, hosted by the Building Commission on 6 March 2009, built environment stakeholders continued discussions about a co-ordinated approach to bushfire support.

Roundtable Chair, Deputy Commissioner Sarah McCann-Bartlett, said the aim of the roundtable was to reach agreement on projects that could utilise the resources on the built environment volunteer database in a way that is aligned with the aims of the Victorian Bushfire Reconstruction and Recover Authority and other support agencies.

The Building Commission proposed six built environment projects:

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| Resident Advice                     | To continue the work already under way which provides information to home owners about returning to their homes or commencing the task of rebuilding.  |
| Design a House                      | To create designs to the new building standard for homeowners who are planning to rebuild. The project will deliver a range of designs for a variety of site conditions, house sizes, prices and construction types. |
| Audits and repairs to damaged homes | To provide qualified professionals to undertake an audit of bushfire damaged homes, where an inspection has not yet been done.<br><br>A standard checklist will be developed.  |
| Community-Based Projects            | To consult with affected communities and determine small scale community-based projects which can be completed with minimal hurdles eg. Sports clubhouses, public BBQs, toilet blocks.                               |
| Fencing                             | To restore the hundreds of kilometres of fencing destroyed by the bushfires.   |
| Land Surveying                      | To re-establish site boundaries.   |

The Building Commission made a commitment to advancing these projects with relevant partners in the coming weeks and months.

A third roundtable will be scheduled for approximately eight weeks' time where progress will be reported.

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