

## Prescribed burn in Danggali Conservation Park

Subject to suitable weather conditions, the Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) will begin a prescribed burn today in Danggali Conservation Park. The park is located in the northern half of the Murray Basin adjacent to the New South Wales border.

- A 500 metre strip along the eastern boundary of the park will be affected during the burn.
- DEH fire crews will monitor the fire ground until the area is declared safe, with SA Country Fire Service (CFS) crews on standby if required.
- The purpose of the burn is to reduce fuel loads.

"Prescribed burns are an essential part of DEH's strategy of working with the CFS and SA Water to reduce the impact of bushfires on public land," said District Ranger Phil Strachan.

"They are conducted for a number of reasons such as reducing heavy fuel loads in strategic areas of our parks and reserves or for ecological and research purposes."

Reducing heavy fuel loads provides safer access for firefighters in the event of a bushfire, makes it easier to control a bushfire, helps prevent bushfires spreading to residential areas, and reduces the risk of a bushfire damaging public and private assets.

"Before every prescribed burn, we carefully assess and prepare to manage a range of risk factors including the weather, dryness of the vegetation and site geography," Mr Strachan said.

"The risks are relatively small compared to the possible consequences of a major bushfire occurring during the summer.

"We always ensure that appropriate back-up resources and fall-back positions are available in the event a prescribed burn crosses containment lines."

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