

## Controlled fuel reduction burn in Deep Creek Conservation Park

The Department for Environment and Heritage (DEH) plans to conduct a controlled fuel reduction burn today in Deep Creek Conservation Park.

- The controlled burn will begin at about 2 pm, and should be completed by 5 pm.
- The area to be burned is in the north-west section of the park, south of the Stringybark Campground.
- The size of the area to be burned is 15 hectares.
- Public access to the park will not be affected by the controlled burn.
- Smoke may reduce visibility on nearby roads and drivers will need to follow directions, slow down and take extreme care.
- Local residents are advised to close windows to minimise the impact of smoke.
- 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.

"Fuel reduction burning is 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 Richard de Groot, DEH Deputy Regional Conservator for the Adelaide Region.

"Planned fuel reduction burns, known as 'prescribed burns', reduce heavy fuel loads in strategic areas of our parks and reserves.

"This 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 de Groot said.

"The risks associated with prescribed burns 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."

For further information regarding the prescribed burn in Deep Creek Conservation Park, please contact Richard de Groot on 8336 0922.

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