

## **Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator**

### **Job Description Form**

The Government of Western Australia's Bushfire Risk Management (BRM) program is a state-wide initiative that is responsible for the development and implementation of local government BRM Plans. The program involves the collaboration of stakeholders, across all land tenure, to identify and mitigate bushfire risk within local communities.

### **The Role**

The Bushfire Risk Mitigation Coordinator (BRMC) is responsible for developing and implementing local government bushfire treatment programs. The BRMC works closely with relevant stakeholders to identify and prioritise mitigation activities within designated local governments and ensures treatment plans are effectively planned, completed and evaluated.

## **Responsibilities**

### **Mitigation Planning**

- Review local government(s) bushfire risks to determine treatment priorities, including Annual Scheduled Treatment Plan and 3-year Indicative Treatment Plan.
- Liaise with DFES' BRMO, CESM (where appointed) and other relevant stakeholders to confirm and document appropriate treatment strategies for LG bushfire risks within the BRM Plan.
- Prepare, submit and manage Mitigation Activity Fund Grants Program applications to support the provision of funds required to implement LG treatment programs.
- Prepare and obtain approval of planned burning prescriptions, and other necessary applications/permits, that are required to implement mitigation activities.

### **Mitigation Implementation and Evaluation**

- Manage contractors to ensure the agreed mitigation works are performed on time, within budget and to the required standards.
- Perform risk re-assessments following the completion of treatment activities and ensure risk assessments have been completed using the current BRM methodology.
- Inform relevant stakeholders of the status of treatment activities and escalate, to DFES' BRMO, all risks and issues that may prevent the successful completion of mitigation works.
- Manage the acquittal of all BRM grant applications, including the MAFGP, in accordance with the relevant grants program.

- According to experience and availability, facilitate implementation of prescribed burns with LG staff and volunteers.
- Ensure all BRM data, relevant to local government(s) Annual Scheduled Treatment Plan and 3-year Indicative Treatment Plan is captured in DFES' Bushfire Risk Management System (BRMS).

### **Other**

- Liaise with DFES' BRMO, and other landholders, to support the effective implementation of "tenure-blind" mitigation programs.
- Complete reports and other requests for BRM information, as required, within established timeframes.
- Provide BRM training, where appropriate, to LG staff and volunteers.
- Present relevant LG mitigation programs at BFAC.
- Arrangements for the BRMC to attend bushfires within their jurisdiction are to be discussed and confirmed between the relevant LG, BRMC and DFES region.

## **Selection Criteria**

### **Essential Pre-requisite**

1. Possession of a current unrestricted C Class Western Australian driver's licence (as a minimum) which must remain valid for the duration of employment.

### **Essential**

1. Demonstrated experience and knowledge of emergency management and bushfire risk management, including understanding of the role of landholders and agencies in the management of bushfire risk.
2. Demonstrated experience in applying bushfire mitigation strategies that sustain the natural environment by maintaining conservation values and biodiversity.
3. Demonstrated conceptual, analytical and problem-solving skills.
4. Understanding and experience in the application of risk management principles.
5. Well-developed communication and interpersonal skills, with demonstrated ability to liaise, consult and negotiate effectively with a wide range of stakeholders including contractors, government officers, industry and private landowners.
6. Proven ability to plan, prioritise and organise workloads to meet agreed timeframes

7. Proven experience working with ICT based systems including ability to effectively perform data entry, analysis and reporting.

### **Highly Desirable**

1. Experience in rural fire management including planned burning and firefighting, with an understanding of the principles of bushfire behaviour and suppression activities.
2. Experience applying and managing external grants and funding.
3. Knowledge and understanding of DFES' Bushfire Risk Management System.
4. Experience in managing projects