

## What I Need to Know

### ***Class 1 –Rural Fire Brigade***

- Made up of predominantly rural producing land with possibly some low density rural residential development. The risk is mainly from bush and grass fires; land management based techniques predominate. A high level of utilisation of property based equipment for fire management is encouraged, as is decentralisation and widespread access to basic firefighting equipment.
- Generally, effective structural firefighting is limited to the capability of individual property owners with a heavy emphasis on prevention and mitigation, and increasing self-reliance in line with increasing remoteness.

### ***Class 2 – Mixed Rural and Rural Residential Brigade***

- Made up of low to medium density rural residential areas and significant areas of rural producing land capable of supporting land management based fire management. The risk is still predominantly bush and grass fires but there is also significant structural risk.

### ***Class 3 / 4– High Density Rural Residential Brigade***

- High density rural residential brigade with well developed commercial centre and diminished capacity to support land management based fire management due to reduced rural producing land base. Made up of predominantly rural residential development but may contain some residual areas of bush or rural production land. The brigade area may also contain significant areas of bushfire risk but the risk profile will be predominantly structural and special risk. At the recommendation of the Area Director, Rural Operations some brigades are deemed to require levels of support equal to Class 3, because of particular problems such as isolation from assistance.

## How I do it

- The methodology for classifying brigades and allocating of resources based on risk is currently under review.
- Should you require any additional information regarding brigade classifications talk to your Area Director.

## Reference Materials

- Area Reference Manual - Business Rule: D3.4 Manage Fire Warden Appointments, Training and Support
- Rural Fire Brigade Risk Management 1999