THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY

The Wilderness Society has a 6-point plan to reduce the bushfire risk and help protect people, property, nature and wildlife.

1. Improve aerial surveillance to detect bushfires as soon as they start.

2. Ramp up hi-tech, quick response capability, including more 'Elvis' helicopters to fight bushfires as soon as they ignite.

3. More research into fire behaviour and the impact of fire on wildlife and their habitat.

4. Around towns and urban areas - prioritise the protection of life and property with fuel reduction and firebreak management plans.

5. In remote areas and National Parks - prioritise the protection of wildlife and their habitat through scientifically-based fire management plans.

6. Make native forests resistant to mega-fires by protecting old-growth forests, rainforests and water catchments from woodchipping and moving logging into existing plantations.

The Wilderness Society would like to see the implementation of the above plan. Clearly the plan proposed has significant policy and resource implications.

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