

# fire catchment management groups: the final stage

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## PROJECT TITLE:

*The potential role and efficacy of community groups in bushfire management: A case study analysis of volunteerism on the urban-rural boundary of Norton Summit/ Ashton, South Australia and Kalamunda, Western Australia.*



## OUTCOMES

This research strongly supports the main philosophy of the Bushfire CRC to 'deliver research outcomes that have economic and social benefit of national significance.'

The following outcomes are being achieved:

- identification of major issues in the formation and operation of Fire Catchment Management Groups
- advantages and disadvantages of Fire Catchment Management Groups
- identification of issues concerning state and non-state coordinated action. Such as, accountability, subsidiarity, regulation and dual rationality in policy
- a model/guidelines/recommendations for facilitating development of and utilising Fire Catchment Management Groups in bushfire management
- a significant contribution to the development of community self-sufficiency for fire safety

## PROGRESS

- fieldwork has been conducted in Kalamunda, WA and Norton Summit/Ashton, SA
- both case study areas are peri-urban and present a high bushfire risk.
- interviews with volunteer fire fighters in both case study areas have been carried out
- face-to-face surveys with members of the local community have been conducted
- final analysis is currently being completed

