

# Seqwater Fire management



## Our fire management program aims to protect life, property and the environment.

As a landholder and statutory authority, Seqwater has a responsibility to address fire management in our catchments. We are working to a 10 year planned burns program to reduce fuel hazard levels, address the risk of wildfires and manage biodiversity.

### Planned burns

Planned burns help reduce fuel loads, such as grasses and dense undergrowth, and the risks of wildfires in our catchments. We generally conduct planned burns during the cooler months, outside of the bushfire season.

Our aim is to do planned burns when conditions suit. The timing and intensity of burns is highly dependent on weather conditions (i.e. wind direction) and conditions that are suitable for native plants and animals.

Catchments are prioritised each year to ensure those areas with the highest wildfire risk are completed first. In delivering our burn program, we work closely with a range of key agencies such as the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, local rural fire brigades and local councils.

### Protecting you, your property and the environment

The protection of life and property is our top priority. We work with adjoining landholders wherever we can to address wildfire risk through joint burns, and establish fuel protection or reduction zones. We also maintain firebreaks (areas of bare earth or slashed grass) on our land and adjoining land to help protect nearby properties.

If you live near our land and are concerned about wildfire risks on your property, please contact us to discuss the fire management plan in your area.

Planned burns also enhance biodiversity. During planned burns, we establish conservation protection zones and use a range of techniques, such as mosaic burn patterns, to maintain and improve biodiversity and ecological values for native flora and fauna.

### What to expect during a planned burn

Close neighbours will be notified to help minimise disruption and signage will be in place when a planned burn is in progress.

Smoke may drift into residential areas near the burn and can stay around for up to two weeks after.

To reduce the effects of smoke:

- avoid hanging washing out to dry during the burn period
- stay indoors
- close windows and doors
- if you have a respiratory health condition, follow the advice of your health practitioner
- in case of an emergency, call Triple Zero (000).

### Further information

For more info or to find out about planned burns in your area:

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