

- The road layout to include a perimeter road between bushfire hazards and proposed settlement. This will provide ongoing certainty for vegetation management, reduce bushfire risk and private landowner obligations for defendable space. Further benefits include improved access and egress for the local community and better fire fighting capability and fire fighter safety in a bushfire or other emergency event.
- Vulnerable and intensive land uses including aged care, child care and education centres to be located away from areas at higher risk to bushfire, such as Bannockburn Flora and Fauna Reserve.
- How the bushfire risk will be mitigated in areas that look to protect and enhance biodiversity values, create an integrated open space network and protect sites of Aboriginal cultural heritage with the increase in vegetation.
- How policy will be incorporated into the planning scheme to:
 - Require setbacks from bushfire hazards.
 - Achieve benchmarks for radiant heat.
 - Manage vegetation within setbacks for the purpose of defendable space.
 - Require layout and design that reflects the above comments on road design, access and safety.

There are significant concerns with the ongoing conflict between the outcomes being sought for the Bannockburn Township and bushfire policy. [REDACTED] does not support the amendment in its current form and strongly encourages the amendment implement the findings from the *Bushfire Risk Assessment for Bannockburn* and [REDACTED] recommendations into the amendment to assist in addressing our concerns.

If you wish to discuss this matter in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] myself on [REDACTED] or myself on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

