



# National Parks Association of the ACT

## Bushfire Management - Balancing the Risks



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Pilgrim House, 69 Northbourne Avenue,  
Civic ACT 2601



A community symposium to discuss research, strategies and expectations for fire management in the ACT in a changing climate

***Aim: an informed ACT community able to contribute positively to ACT government policy, goal setting and strategic directions of fire management***

### Themes include:

- **Law and legislation:** what is the legal setting for bushfire management in the ACT?
- **Understanding hazards and risks:** what data and modelling do we rely on to understand fire hazards and risks?
- **Values:** what social, economic and personal values do we bring to fire management?
- **Mitigating hazards and risks:** knowing our risk models and our values, what mitigation strategies do we turn to? What have we learned from past bushfires and prescribed burning? How do we measure reduction of risks?
- **Linking research and management:** how is current research changing our options?
- **Environmental risks and climate change:** as if it wasn't complicated enough already, how do we deal with new and complex problems presented by climate change?
- **Indigenous fire management:** how do we incorporate the sophisticated fire management used by indigenous people into current fire management practices?
- **Wildland/urban interface:** as the 'bush capital' how does the ACT deal with its special interest in balancing fire management, urban development, conservation and recreation; including consideration of fire prone urban areas; FarmFirewise; asset protection zones?
- **Fire impacts:** what public accountability is needed when fire management impacts on water, vegetation, weeds, fauna, insects and people, eg smoke impact on health?
- **Shared responsibility:** what is our shared responsibility for managing fire hazards and risks and how can the community interact effectively with the fire management planning process?

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