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Incident Brief

As of 0630 hrs (AEDT), 11 November 2019

New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia bushfires – Version 6

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Key Issues

- Parts of north eastern New South Wales and southern Queensland experienced SEVERE to EXTREME fire weather conditions on **Friday 8 November**. Conditions eased to VERY HIGH fire danger on **Saturday 9 November and Sunday 10 November** and currently remain between HIGH and VERY HIGH.
- CATASTROPHIC fire danger conditions are forecast for parts of New South Wales for **Tuesday 12 November**.
- Parts of Western Australia experienced SEVERE to CATASTROPHIC fire weather conditions yesterday, **Sunday 10 November**, and conditions currently remain between SEVERE and EXTREME.
- In New South Wales:
 - *There are nine WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - *There are 65 active fires across the state.*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
 - All persons previously unaccounted for have been located.
 - More than 30 people have been injured, including approximately 20 firefighters.
 - At least 150 structures have been destroyed. Property damage and loss includes telecommunications and power infrastructure, bridges, and two schools.
 - Nine evacuation centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
 - Three COMDISPLAN Task Requests have been issued to ADF since **Friday 8 November** to assist with the air movement of interstate Strike Teams.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
- In Queensland:
 - *There are four WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - There are 25 total fires active across the state.
 - One Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
 - Approximately 414 people have been evacuated as a result of the Cooroibah fire.

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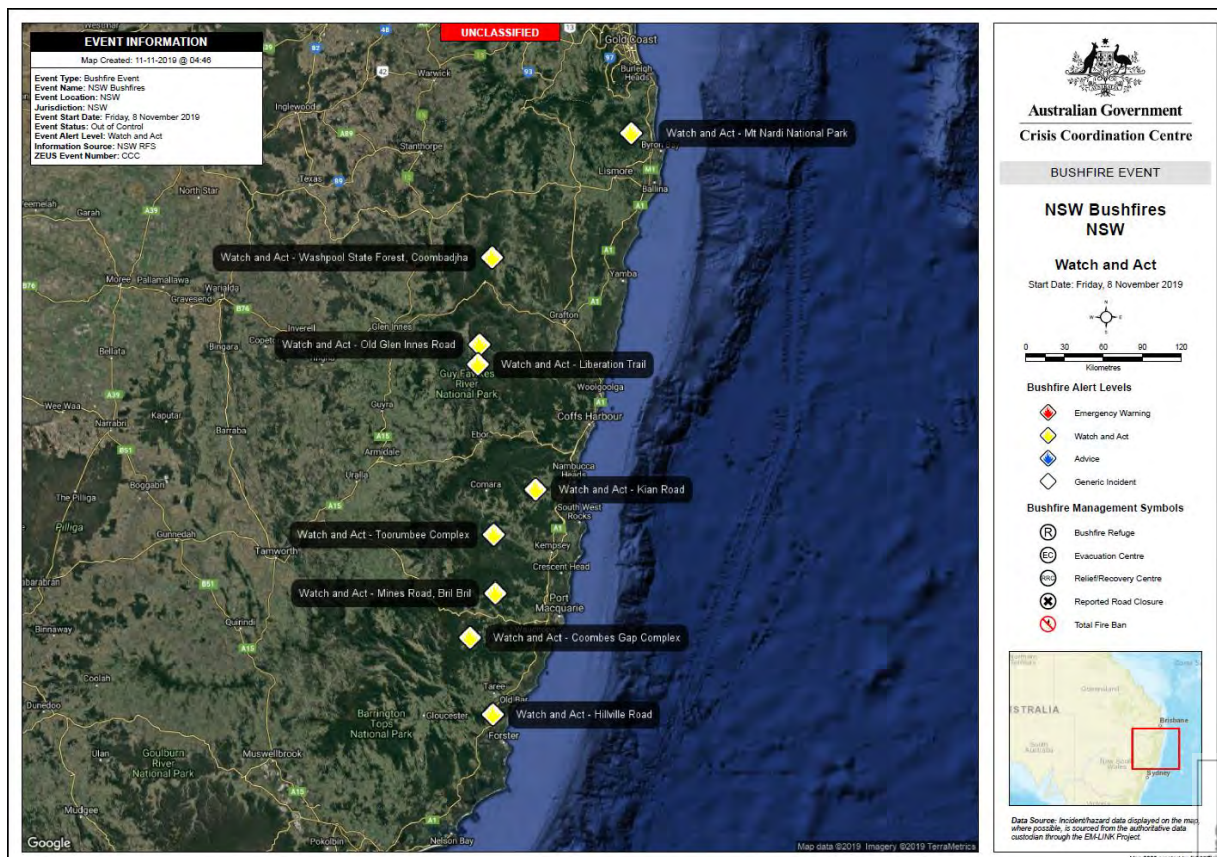
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- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across 42 Local Government Areas in Queensland.
- In Western Australia:
 - *Four fire complexes across the state are currently burning at ADVICE level or below.*
 - *SEVERE to EXTREME fire conditions are forecast for today, Monday 11 November.*

Situation Details

New South Wales



- Three fatalities have been confirmed with all others previously identified as missing, now accounted for.
- At least 150 structures have been destroyed. Property damage and loss includes telecommunications and power infrastructure, bridges, and two schools. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- *WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:*
 - *Coombes Gap Complex*
 - *Hillville Road*
 - *Kian Road*
 - *Liberation Trail*
 - *Mines Road, Bril Bril*
 - *Mt Nardi National Park*
 - *Old Glen Innes Road, Newton Boyd*

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- *Toorumbbee Complex*
- *Washpool State Forest*
- *A total of 65 bushfires are burning across the state.*
- More than 1300 fire fighters have been deployed and 78 aircraft.
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- More than 250 interstate deployments are active across the fire ground.
- Multiple primary and secondary schools are closed for today, **Monday 11 November**.
- The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.
- Nine Evacuation Centres remain open at:
 - Club Taree
 - Coraki Bowling Club
 - Glen Innes Showground
 - Grafton Community Centre
 - Kempsey Showground
 - Laurieton United Services Club
 - Old Bar Club
 - Tuncurry Bowling Club
 - Wauchope High School
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - *Up to 1,413 fixed landline serves impacted in Nymboida, Bellbrook, Mooralee Creek, Hollisdale, Wherrol Flat, and Rainbow Flat.*
 - Due to impact to fixed line telephony services and mobile coverage in Nymboida, residents may be unable to contact triple zero emergency services and may be experiencing community isolation.
 - *Four 3G and five 4G base stations at Nymboida, Comara, Willawarrin, Lucknow, and Old Bar, and three 3G/4G mobile sites at Bellbrook, Toorooka and Taylors Arm.*
 - *Approximately 438 ADSL broadband customer services cannot establish a data connection with the majority of impact in Nymboida, Rainbow Flat, Killabakh and Marlee.*
- Telstra network and power technicians will be dispatched to Telstra's critical exchange sites to investigate AC Mains power and hardware issues, as per prioritisation, when and where safe to do so.

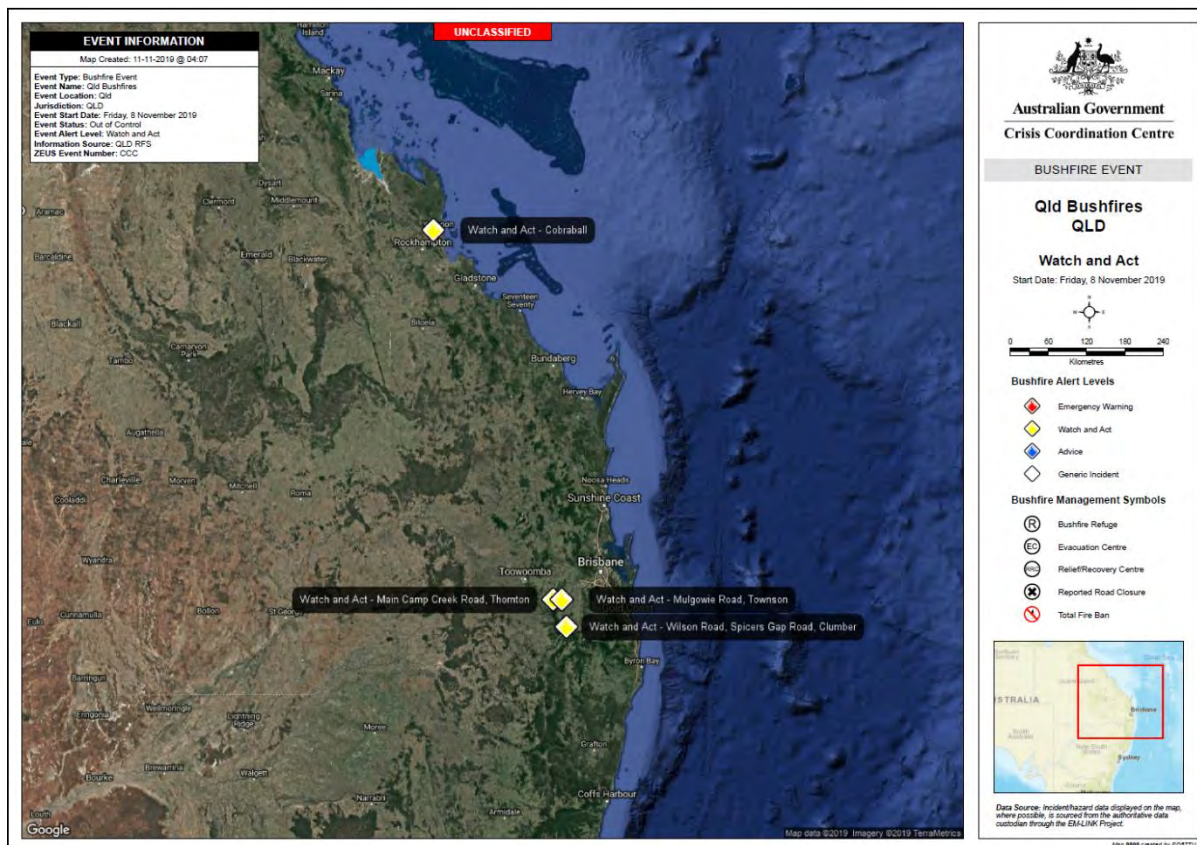
Source: EMALO – verbal, Telstra – verbal, NSW Daily Operational Update – 9 November 2019, [NSW RFS](#)

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- *WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:*
 - Clumber
 - Cobraball
 - Thornton
 - Townson
- *An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.*
- *Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:*
 - *Up to 196 fixed landline serves impacted in Byfield and Bungundarra.*
 - *Five 3G and three 4G base stations at Bundaberg East, Bungundarra, Byfield, Cooran, Callemondah, and Loadstone.*
 - *Approximately 135 ADSL broadband customer services cannot establish a data connection with the majority of impact in Bungundarra and Canungra.*

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra - verbal

Western Australia

- *For today, **Monday 11 November**:*
 - *A fire weather warning has been issued for the South Interior fire weather district, which has an **EXTREME** fire danger rating.*
 - *A fire weather warning has been issued for the East Pilbara Coast, West Pilbara Coast, East Pilbara Inland and North Interior fire weather districts, which have a **SEVERE** fire danger rating.*

Source: [Bureau of Meteorology](#)

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Weather Forecast**Monday 11 November**

- HIGH to VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast across New South Wales and Queensland. South-westerly winds ease slightly over the ranges and east to northeast sea breezes are expected to extend 50 to 70km inland during the afternoon. Smoke and reduced air quality will continue to pose health impacts for communities particularly for asthmatics and people with existing respiratory conditions. Highly populated areas will be impacted.
- *A state-wide total fire ban has been declared for all areas of NSW for all of **Monday 11 November** and **Tuesday 12 November**.*
- Conditions in Western Australia ease across the south of the state but SEVERE fire danger remains for the Pilbara and Interior districts. Maximum temperatures will be in the low 40's for many locations across the Northern Interior.

Tuesday 12 November

- CATASTROPHIC fire danger is now forecast for the Greater Sydney and Greater Hunter areas for **Tuesday 12 November**.
- Large areas of the state are also forecast to experience SEVERE to EXTREME fire danger. This includes in the north coast and northern NSW areas, where there are a large number of fires already burning.
- High temperatures, strong winds and low humidity are forecast, making conditions dangerous.
- This is the first time since new Fire Danger Ratings were introduced in 2009 that CATASTROPHIC fire danger has been forecast for Sydney.

Wednesday 13 November

- *The south-westerly change moves through southeast Queensland. Severe Fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and the Northern Tablelands of NSW. Very high fire dangers are forecast elsewhere over central and northeast NSW.*
- *No rainfall is expected for northeast NSW and southeast Queensland over the next seven days.*

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 4, [Bureau of Meteorology](#), Disaster Recovery Assistance, RFS Media Release_NSW Bushfire Season_2019-20_10November

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements**New South Wales**

Joint funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements:

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the jointly funded Commonwealth-state Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) in response to the bushfires that have affected the Mid North Coast and Northern NSW.
- DRFA assistance is available for the:
 - Mid-North Coast Bushfires in the local government areas of: Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Mid-Coast, Nambucca and Port Macquarie-Hastings.
 - Northern NSW Bushfires in the local government areas of: Armidale, Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.
- A range of assistance is available, including:
 - support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs.
 - help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged;

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- funding to support firefighting operations;
- support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations;
- freight subsidies for primary producers, and
- grants to eligible non-profit organisations.
- This assistance is administered by the NSW Government.

The Australian Government is also providing additional financial assistance through the activation of:

- The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP)
 - A non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children.
 - The AGDRP is available to people whose homes have been lost or directly damaged, and people who have been seriously injured, or are an immediate family member of someone who has lost their life.
 - The AGDRP has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Mid Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield and Walcha.
- The Australian Government's Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA)
 - A short-term income support payment to assist individuals who have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.
 - The AGDRP has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Inverell, Mid Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.
- These Australian Government payments are administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Queensland bushfires

- The Australian Government, through Emergency Management Australia, is in close liaison with Queensland authorities regarding the activation of recovery assistance.
- Importantly, assistance through the jointly funded DRFA can be made available immediately by the Queensland Government to help people in need.
- As soon as there is a better understanding of the situation the Australian Government, with the state, will provide whatever assistance is needed to help affected communities with their recovery.

Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

Australian Government Actions

- Emergency Management Australia is maintaining ongoing engagement with NSW, Qld and WA.
- On **9 November 2019** a Commissioners and Chief Officers Strategic Committee (CCOSC) was convened between Emergency Management Australia and jurisdictional Emergency Service Commissioners and Chief Officers to discuss the current fire situation.

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New South Wales

- On **31 October 2019**, the Director General Emergency Management Australia approved the activation of COMDISPLAN in response to a formal request for Australian Government non-financial assistance to support the bushfire activity in New South Wales.
 - Task Request #001: Request for the Australian Defence Force (ADF) to provide air transport for operational firefighters and support staff as a contingency when commercial options are not available, feasible or meet operational tempo and based on operational requirements and asset availability.
 - Task Request #001A – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Canberra to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001B – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from South Australia to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001C – **9 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple fatalities and property losses, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Tasmania to Port Macquarie.
- Emergency Management Australia has deployed one Liaison Officer to the NSW State Emergency Operations Centre.

Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 1830 hrs **11 November 2019**.

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As of 1830 hrs (AEDT), 11 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 7

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Key Issues

- Parts of north eastern New South Wales and southern Queensland experienced SEVERE to EXTREME fire weather conditions on **Friday 8 November** *resulting in the outbreak of numerous fires*. Conditions eased to VERY HIGH fire danger on **Saturday 9 November** and currently remain between HIGH and VERY HIGH.
- Parts of Western Australia experienced SEVERE to CATASTROPHIC fire weather conditions yesterday, **Sunday 10 November**, and conditions currently remain between SEVERE and EXTREME.
- CATASTROPHIC fire danger conditions are forecast for parts of New South Wales, *including the Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney (includes the Blue Mountains) and Illawarra/Shoalhaven for tomorrow, Tuesday 12 November.*
- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continuing on **Wednesday 13 November** over north-east NSW and south-east Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - Commencing today **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for whole of state for seven days.
 - A state-wide total fire ban has been declared for all areas of NSW for all of **Monday 11 November** and **Tuesday 12 November**.
 - *There are 10 WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - *There are 58 active fires across the state.*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed with all others previously identified as missing, now accounted for.
 - All persons previously unaccounted for have been located.
 - More than 30 people have been injured, including approximately 20 firefighters.
 - *An estimate of 150 structures have been destroyed with 96 confirmed.*
 - Nine Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
 - *An EMA Disaster recovery LO has been deployed to the NSW Office of Emergency Management.*

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- In Queensland:
 - *There are four WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - *There are 17 total fires active across the state.*
 - *Three houses in Cobraball (West Yepoon) have been lost as well as one house at Cooroibah (Noosa).*
 - *As of **Monday 11 November**, 69 damage assessments have been completed, with this number likely to increase as access allows.*
 - *One Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.*
 - *A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across 42 Local Government Areas in Queensland.*
 - *An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).*

Situation Details

New South Wales



- *At least 150 structures have been destroyed and 96 confirmed. Property damage and loss includes telecommunications and power infrastructure, bridges, and two schools. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.*
- *WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:*
 - *Carrai Creek*
 - *Coombes Gap Complex*
 - *Hillville Road, Hillville*
 - *Kian Road*

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- *Liberation Trail*
- *Mines Road, Bril Bril*
- *Mt Nardi National Park*
- *Old Glen Innes Road, Newton Boyd*
- *Toorumbbee Complex*
- *Washpool State Forest*
- *A total of 63 bushfires are burning across the state.*
- More than 1300 fire fighters have been deployed and 93 aircraft.
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- More than 250 interstate deployments are active across the fire ground.
- *367 TAFE's and college's will be closed throughout the state on **Tuesday 12 November**.*
- The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.
- Evacuation Centres remain open at:
 - Club Taree
 - Anglican Church Bowraville
 - Wauchope High School
 - Laurieton United Services Club
 - *Mullumbimby*
 - Kempsey Showground
 - *Kempsey Macley RSL Club*
 - Grafton Community Centre
 - Coraki Bowling Club
 - Nimbin Shwground
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - *NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted 1,429 end point users across ten sites. Fibre to the node outages have impacted 252 end point users across two sites.*
 - *Power outages have caused affected NBN sites to rely on backup batteries which have since been exhausted. It is currently unsafe to deploy generators to the network due to multiple red zones in place.*
 - *Restoration of external commercial power on **Sunday 10 November** has restored Fixed Wireless services at Rainbow Flat and Koorainghat and Fibre to the Node services at two sites in Old Bar.*
 - Fixed landline services are impacted in Nymboida, Bellbrook, Mooralee Creek, Hollisdale and Wherrol Flat.
 - Due to impact to fixed line telephony services and mobile coverage in Nymboida, residents may be unable to contact triple zero emergency services and may be experiencing community isolation.
 - Four 3G and five 4G base stations at Nymboida, Comara, Willawarrin, Lucknow, and Old Bar, and three 3G/4G mobile sites at Bellbrook, Toorooka and Taylors Arm.
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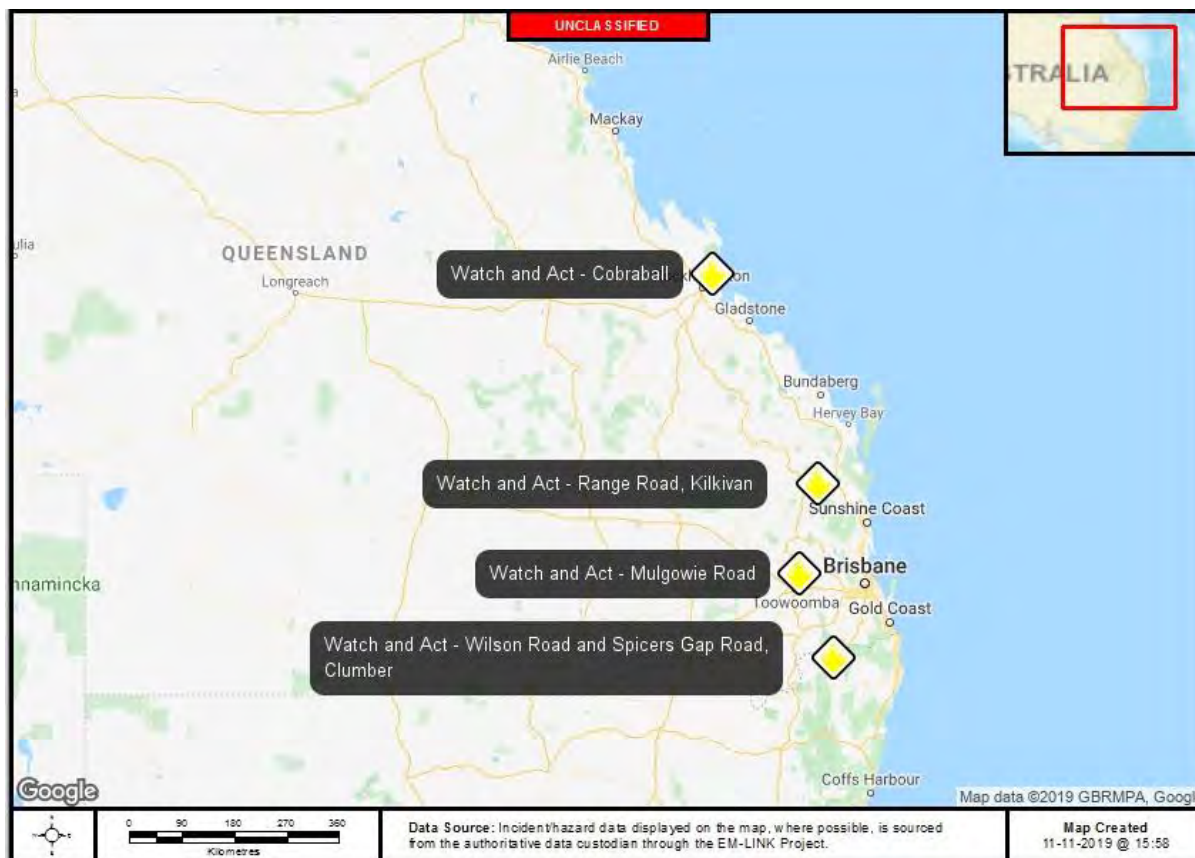
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- Telstra network and power technicians will be dispatched to Telstra's critical exchange sites to investigate AC Mains power and hardware issues, as per prioritisation, when and where safe to do so.

Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 11 November 2019, EMALO – verbal, Commissioner and Chief Officers Strategic Committee brief – 11 November 2019, Telstra – verbal, NSW Daily Operational Update – 9 November 2019, [NSW RFS](#)

Queensland



- WATCH AND ACT* warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Clumber
 - Cobraball
 - Thornton
 - Townson
- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.
- 35 aircraft remain on standby to assist with aerial firefighting.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - Up to 196 fixed landline serves impacted in Byfield and Bungundarra.
 - Five 3G and three 4G base stations at Bundaberg East, Bungundarra, Byfield, Cooran, Callemondah, and Loadstone.
 - Approximately 135 ADSL broadband customer services cannot establish a data connection with the majority of impact in Bungundarra and Canungra.

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra - verbal

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Weather Forecast**Tuesday 12 November**

- CATASTROPHIC fire danger conditions are forecast for parts of New South Wales, *including the Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney (includes the Blue Mountains) and Illawarra/Shoalhaven for tomorrow, **Tuesday 12 November**.*
- *VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continuing on Wednesday over northeast NSW and south-east Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.*
- Large areas of the state are also forecast to experience SEVERE to EXTREME fire danger. This includes in the north coast and northern NSW areas including Greater Sydney and the Blue Mountains, where there are a large number of fires already burning.
- High temperatures, strong winds and low humidity are forecast, making conditions dangerous.
- This is the first time since new Fire Danger Ratings were introduced in 2009 that CATASTROPHIC fire danger has been forecast for Sydney.

Wednesday 13 November

- The south-westerly change moves through southeast Queensland. SEVERE Fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and the Northern Tablelands of NSW. VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast elsewhere over central and northeast NSW.
- No rainfall is expected for northeast NSW and southeast Queensland over the next seven days.

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 5, [Bureau of Meteorology](#), Disaster Recovery Assistance, RFS Media Release_NSW Bushfire Season_2019-20_10November

Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements**NSW bushfires**Joint funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the DRFA in response to the bushfires that have affected the Mid North Coast and Northern NSW.
- DRFA assistance is available for the:
 - Mid-North Coast Bushfires in the local government areas of: Coffs Harbour, Kempsey, Mid-Coast, Nambucca and Port Macquarie-Hastings.
 - Northern NSW Bushfires in the local government areas of: Armidale, Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Inverell, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.
- A range of assistance is available, including:
 - support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs
 - help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged
 - funding to cover counter disaster operations costs, including firefighting activities
 - support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets
 - concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations
 - freight subsidies for primary producers, and
 - grants to eligible non-profit organisations.

This assistance is administered by the NSW Government.

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Australian Government financial assistance

The Australian Government is also providing additional financial assistance through the activation of:

- The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP)
 - A non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children.
 - The AGDRP is available to people whose homes have been lost or directly damaged, and people who have been seriously injured, or are an immediate family member of someone who has lost their life.
 - The AGDRP has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Mid Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield and Walcha.
- The Australian Government's Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA)
 - A short-term income support payment to assist individuals who have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.
 - The AGDRP has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Inverell, Mid Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.

These Australian Government payments are administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Anyone who has been adversely affected by the bushfires in NSW should contact DHS on 180 22 66 and test their eligibility for the payment.

Queensland bushfires

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the DRFA in response to the bushfires that have affected eastern Queensland.
 - DRFA assistance is available in the local government areas of Livingstone and Noosa.
- A range of assistance is available, including:
 - support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs
 - help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged, and
 - funding to cover counter disaster operations costs, including firefighting activities

This assistance is administered by the Queensland Government.

Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

Australian Government Actions

- Emergency Management Australia is maintaining ongoing engagement with NSW and Qld.
- **On 11 November 2019** a Commissioners and Chief Officers Strategic Committee (CCOSC) was convened between Emergency Management Australia and jurisdictional Emergency Service Commissioners and Chief Officers to discuss the current fire situation.
- **On 11 November 2019** an Australian Government Crisis Committee was convened to discuss the current NSW, Qld and WA bushfire situation and potential impacts of forecast CATASTROPHIC NSW weather conditions for **Tuesday 12 November**.
- **On 11 November 2019** a National Crisis Committee were convened between Australian Government and jurisdictional first ministers and bushfire combat agencies.

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New South Wales

- On **31 October 2019**, the Director General Emergency Management Australia approved the activation of COMDISPLAN in response to a formal request for Australian Government non-financial assistance to support the bushfire activity in New South Wales.
- *One overarching Request for Assistance (RFA) was for the Australian Defence Force to provide air transport for operational firefighters and support staff as a contingency measure. Under this request there have been four sub-taskings:*
 - Task Request #001A – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Canberra to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001B – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from South Australia to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001C – **9 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple fatalities and property losses, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Tasmania to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001D – **11 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple fatalities and property losses, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Victoria to Armidale.
- Task Request #002 – **11 November 2019**: Provision of accommodation, food and appliance parking at Singleton Army Base for up to 149 personnel until **Wednesday 13 November**
- Emergency Management Australia has deployed one Liaison Officer to the NSW State Emergency Operations Centre.

Queensland

- On **11 November 2019**, the Director General Emergency Management Australia approved the activation of COMDISPLAN in response to a formal request for Australian Government non-financial assistance to support the bushfire activity in Queensland.
 - Task Request #001 – **11 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and resulting property losses, ADF to provide 30 personnel with equipment to clear overgrown fire breaks in Beechmont.

Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 0630 hrs **12 November 2019**.

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- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continuing on **Wednesday 13 November** over north-east NSW and south-east Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - Commencing **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for whole of state for seven days.
 - A state-wide total fire ban has been declared for all of **Monday 11 November** and **Tuesday 12 November**.
 - *There are 9 WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - *There are 55 active fires across the state.*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than 30 people have been injured, including approximately 20 firefighters.
 - *An estimate of 150 structures have been destroyed with 96 confirmed so far.*
 - Ten Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
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- In Queensland:
 - *There are four WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - There are 14 active fires across the state.
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 - *Kian Road*
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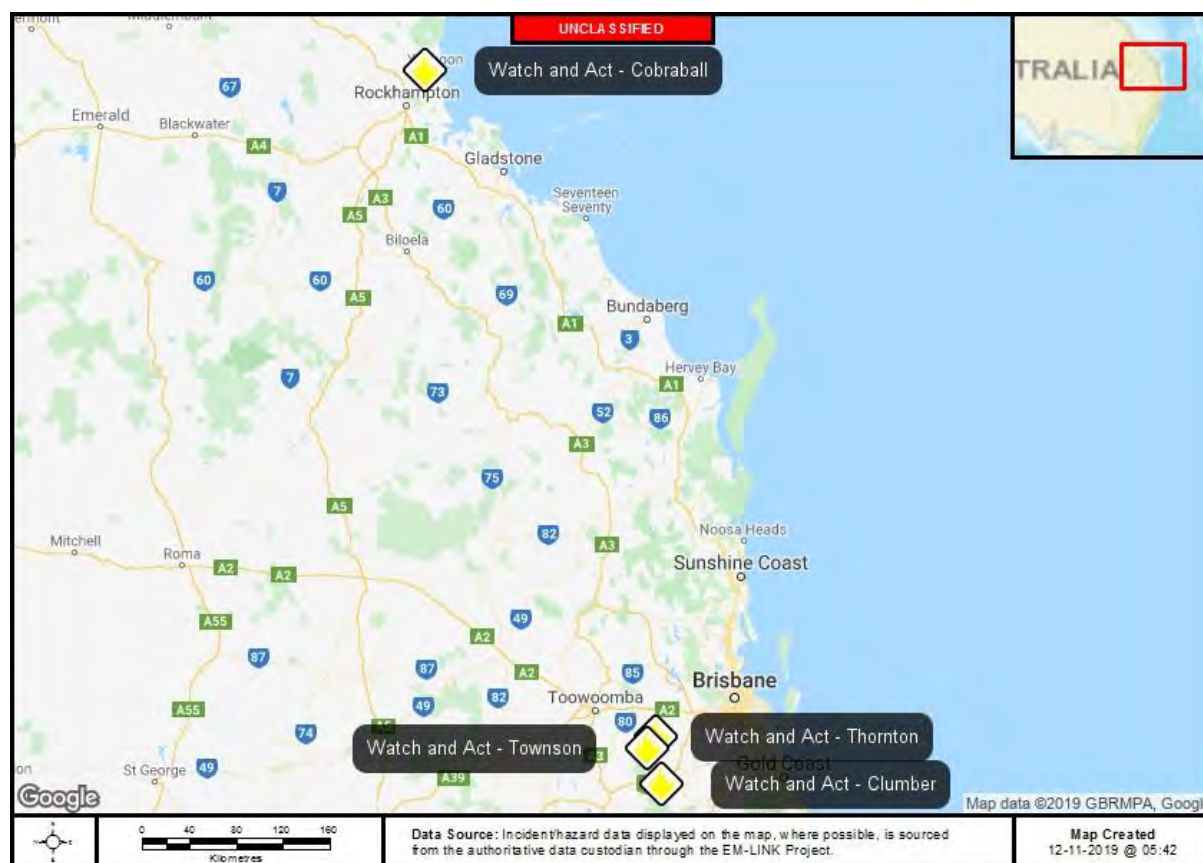
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 - *Power outages have caused affected NBN sites to rely on backup batteries which have since been exhausted. It is currently unsafe to deploy generators to the network due to multiple red zones in place.*
 - Fixed landline services are impacted in Nymboida, Bellbrook, Moorah Creek, Hollisdale and Wherrol Flat.
 - Due to impact to fixed line telephony services and mobile coverage in Nymboida, residents may be unable to contact triple zero emergency services and may be experiencing community isolation.
 - Four 3G and five 4G base stations at Nymboida, Comara, Willawarrin, Lucknow, and Old Bar, and three 3G/4G mobile sites at Bellbrook, Toorooka and Taylors Arm.
 - Approximately 438 ADSL broadband customer services cannot establish a data connection with the majority of impact in Nymboida, Rainbow Flat, Killabakh and Marlee.

Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 12 November 2019, EMALO – verbal, Commissioner and Chief Officers Strategic Committee brief – 11 November 2019, Telstra – verbal, NSW Daily Operational Update – 9 November 2019, [NSW RFS](#)

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- WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Clumber
 - Cobraball
 - Thornton
 - Townson
- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.
- 35 aircraft remain on standby to assist with aerial firefighting.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - Up to 196 fixed landline services impacted in Byfield and Bungundarra.
 - Five 3G and three 4G base stations at Bundaberg East, Bungundarra, Byfield, Cooran, Callemondah, and Loadstone.
 - Approximately 135 ADSL broadband customer services cannot establish a data connection with the majority of impact in Bungundarra and Canungra.

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra - verbal**Weather Forecast****Tuesday 12 November**

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Wednesday 13 November

- The south-westerly change moves through southeast Queensland. SEVERE fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and the Northern Tablelands of NSW. VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast elsewhere over central and northeast NSW.
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 - A short-term income support payment to assist individuals who have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.
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These Australian Government payments are administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Queensland bushfires

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the DRFA in response to the bushfires that have affected eastern Queensland.
 - DRFA assistance is available in the local government areas of Livingstone and Noosa.
- A range of assistance is available, including:
 - support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs
 - help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged, and
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This assistance is administered by the Queensland Government.

Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

Australian Government Actions

- Emergency Management Australia is maintaining ongoing engagement with NSW and Qld.
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New South Wales

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Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
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New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 9

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Key Issues

- CATASTROPHIC fire danger conditions are forecast for parts of New South Wales, including the Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney (includes the Blue Mountains) and Illawarra/Shoalhaven today, **Tuesday 12 November**.
- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continuing on **Wednesday 13 November** over north-east NSW and south-east Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - Commencing **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for whole of state for seven days
 - A state-wide total fire ban has been declared through to **Wednesday 13 November**
 - *There are currently 98 active fires across the state.*
 - *There are 14 EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfires throughout the state.*
 - *There are seven WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than 30 people have been injured, including approximately 20 firefighters.
 - *146 houses confirmed destroyed, a further six facilities and an additional 273 outbuildings.*
 - *17 Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.*
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
 - An EMA Disaster Recovery LO has been deployed to the NSW Office of Emergency Management.
- In Queensland:
 - *There are four WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - *There are 66 active fires across the state.*
 - *As of today Tuesday 12 November, 308 damage assessments have been completed, with this number to increase as access allows.*
 - *28 houses have been destroyed.*

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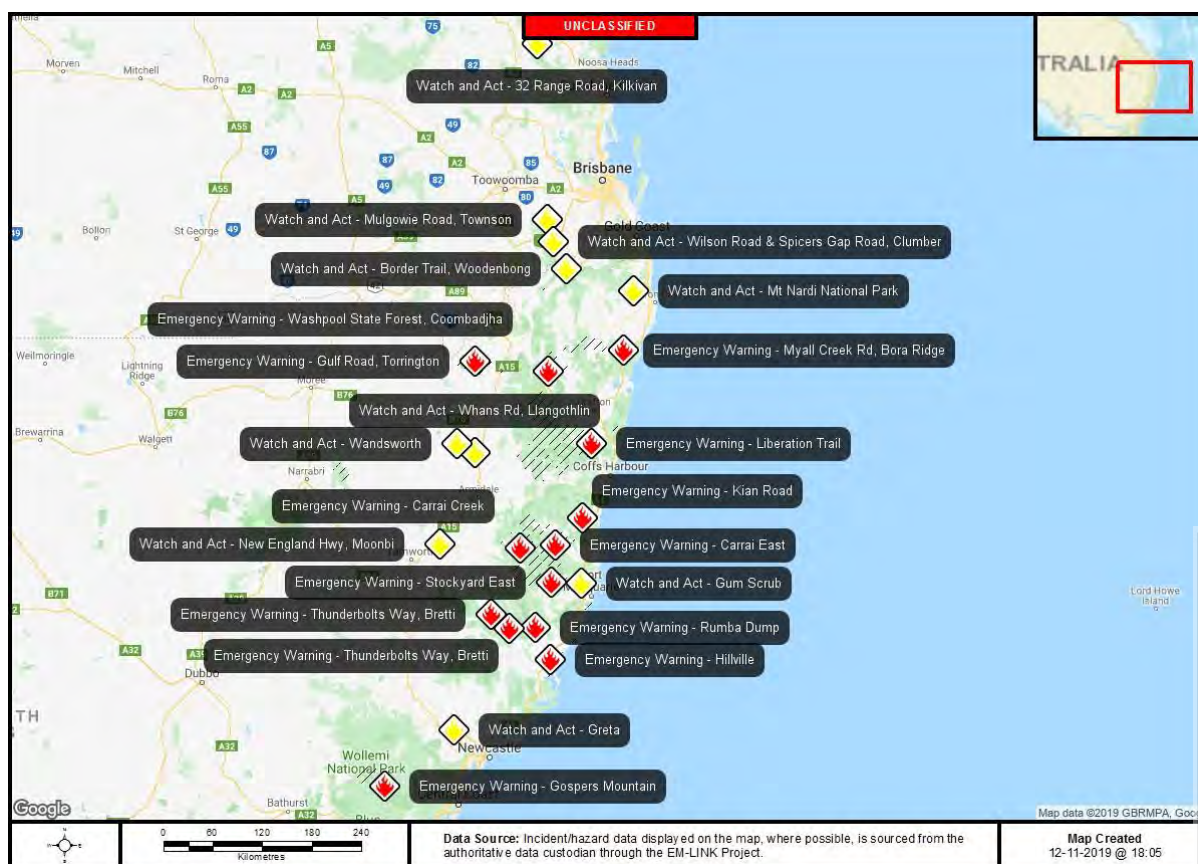
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- 40 aircraft are currently deployed or available
- Over 1000 firefighters and IMT personnel are active
- 110 interstate and international (NZ) personnel are arriving today **Tuesday 12 November**
- ADF assistance to date - clearing fire breaks around Canungra and Beechmont with bulldozers and chainsaws, refuelling services, Liaison Officers embedded in State Disaster Coordination Centre, and possibly rotary wing support for air observers and fire spotting based out of Rockhampton, Jimna and Scenic Rim areas.
- One Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across 42 Local Government Areas in Queensland.
- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).

Situation Details

New South Wales



- 146 houses confirmed destroyed, a further six facilities and an additional 273 outbuildings. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- Fourteen EMERGENCY WARNING remains in place for a fire burning at:
 - Carrai Creek
 - Carri East
 - Gaspers Mountain
 - Gulf Road, Torrington

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- *Harper Street, Greta*
- *Hillville Road, Hillville*
- *Kian Road, Buckra Bendinni*
- *Liberation Trail*
- *Myall Creek, Bora Ridge*
- *Reserve Road, Mares Run*
- *Rumba dump, Tapin Tops*
- *Stockyard East*
- *Thunderbolts Way, Bretti*
- *Washpool State Forest, Coombadjha*
- *Seven WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:*
 - *Border Trail*
 - *Gum Scrub*
 - *Harper Street Greta*
 - *Mt Nardi National Park*
 - *New England Hwy, Moonbi*
 - *Wandsworth*
 - *Whans Road, Llangothlin*
- *A total of 98 bushfires are burning across the state, 10 EMERGENCY WARNINGS and nine Watch and Acts. Of these:*
 - *37 going*
 - *13 being controlled*
 - *17 Contained*
 - *31 Patrol*
- *More than 1700 fire fighters have been deployed and 98 aircraft.*
- *NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.*
- *A total of 403 interstate deployments are active across the fire ground including both firefighting and IMT officers.*
- *608 public, catholic and independent schools are closed throughout the state, with an additional 23 TAFE campuses closed today, **Tuesday 12 November**.*
- *The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.*
- *Evacuation Centres remain open at:*
 - *Club Taree*
 - *Wauchope High School*
 - *Laurieton United Services Club*
 - *Nambucca Entertainment Centre*
 - *Mullumbimby*
 - *Kempsey Showground*
 - *Kempsey Macley RSL Club*
 - *Grafton Community Centre*
 - *Coraki Bowling Club*

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- Nimbin Showground
- Cavanbah Centre
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- Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre
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- Woolgoola Ex-serviceman Club
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 - *NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted 1,771 end point users across 12 sites*
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 - *Power outages have caused affected NBN sites to rely on backup batteries which have since been exhausted. It is currently unsafe to deploy generators to the network due to multiple red zones in place.*
 - *Fixed landline services are impacted in predominately Nymboida, Bellbrook, Toorooka, Diehard*
 - *Two 3G and three 4G mobile sites at Bellbrook, Toorooka and Taylors Arm.*
 - *Telstra announced today **Tuesday 12 November** that they will be providing an assistance package for its residential and small businesses customers in NSW who have lost services due to the fires.*

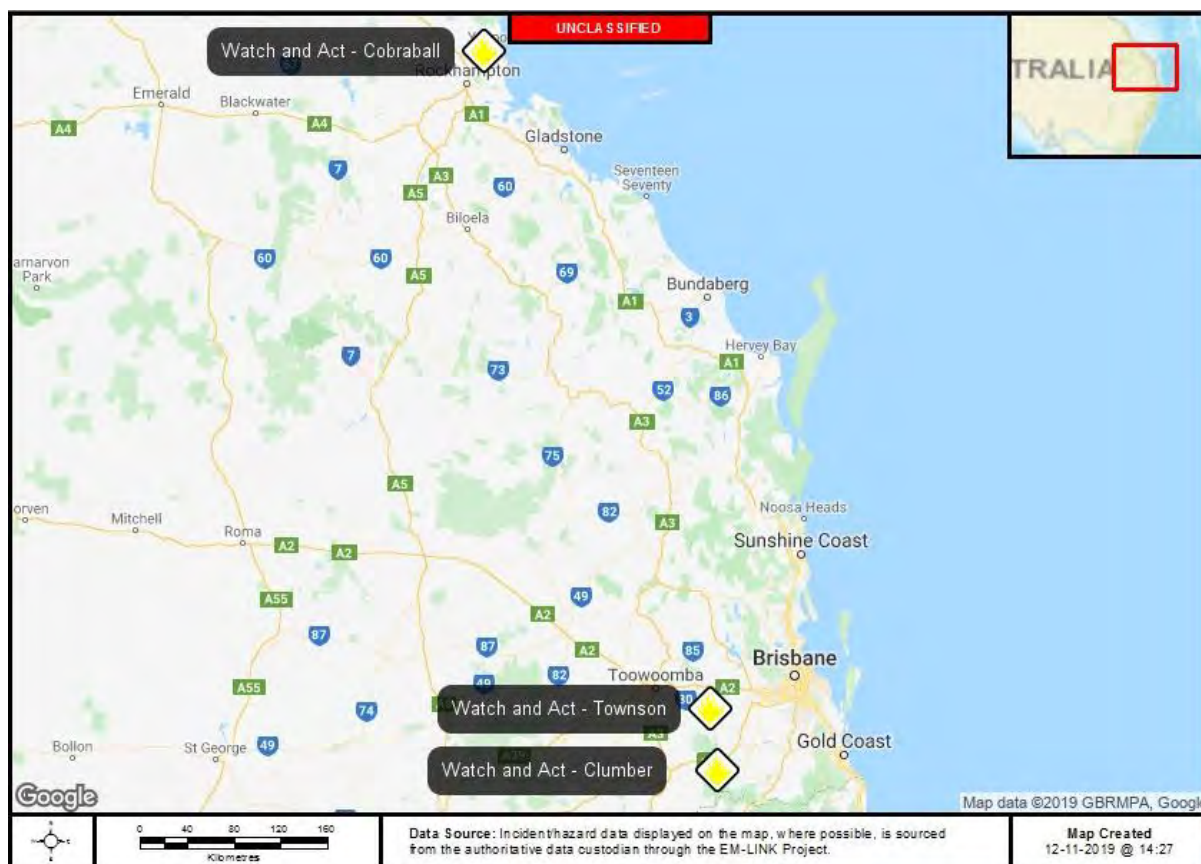
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 - Townson
 - Kilkavan
- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.(approx. 20 people using this facility)
- *Bushfire conditions are expected to escalate significantly today **Tuesday 12 November** and into the weekend.*
- *40 aircraft remain on standby to assist with aerial firefighting.*
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 - *One 3G base station at Fernlees*

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra update 10

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Weather Forecast**Tuesday 12 November**

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- *Chance of storm activity which may be problematic for conditions across fire grounds and may contribute to erratic fire behaviour with dry lightning strikes possible.*
- *A strong wind change moving across the state later this evening is expected to exacerbate conditions with wind gusts up to 90kmph forecast.*
- *A strong cold front will move through NSW today, with hot, dry and gusty conditions ahead of the front generating very dangerous fire conditions for most of NSW.*
- *Damaging wind gusts are also possible over parts of the southern ranges, Illawarra, Sydney coastal fringe and Hunter Coastal Fringe today, **Tuesday 12 November**.*
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- support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets
- concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations
- freight subsidies for primary producers, and
- grants to eligible non-profit organisations.
- This assistance is administered by the NSW Government.
- Anyone in need of assistance should contact the NSW Government Disaster Welfare Assistance Line on 1800 018 444.

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Queensland

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New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 10

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Key Issues

- CATASTROPHIC fire danger conditions *were* forecast for parts of New South Wales, including the Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney (includes the Blue Mountains) and Illawarra/Shoalhaven *yesterday*, **Tuesday 12 November**.
- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continue *today*, **Wednesday 13 November**, over north-east NSW and south-east Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - Commencing **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for whole of state for seven days.
 - A state-wide total fire ban has been declared through to *today*, **Wednesday 13 November**.
 - There are currently 71 active fires across the state.
 - There are two EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfires throughout the state.
 - There are 15 WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than 30 people have been injured, including approximately 20 firefighters.
 - 146 houses confirmed destroyed, a further six facilities and an additional 273 outbuildings.
 - Total area burnt across all fires in NSW now exceeds one million hectares.
 - 17 Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
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- In Queensland:
 - There are four WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.
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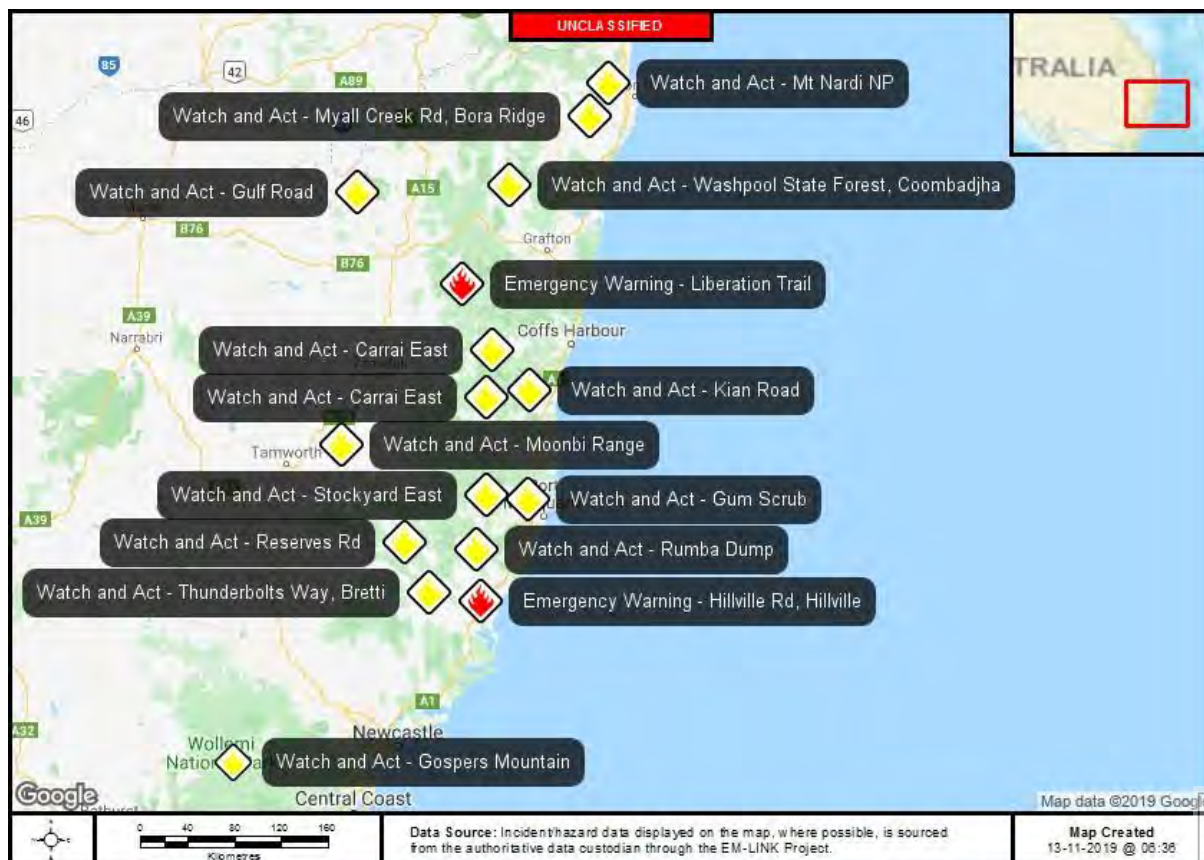
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- 28 houses have been destroyed.
- One Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across 42 Local Government Areas in Queensland.
- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).

Situation Details

New South Wales



- 146 houses confirmed destroyed, a further six facilities and an additional 273 outbuildings. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- Three EMERGENCY WARNINGS remains in place for a fire burning at:
 - Hillville Rd, Hillville
 - Liberation Trail
- 15 WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Border Trail
 - Carrai Creek
 - Carrai East
 - Gospers Mountain
 - Gulf Rd
 - Gum Scrub
 - Kian Rd

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- *Moonbi Range*
- *Mt Nardi National Park*
- *Myall Creek Rd*
- *Reserves Rd*
- Rumba Dump, Tapin Tops
- *Stockyard East*
- *Thunderbolts Way*
- *Washpool State Forest*
- *A total of 71 bushfires are burning across the state.*
- More than 1700 fire fighters have been deployed and 98 aircraft.
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- A total of 403 interstate deployments are active across the fire ground including both firefighting and IMT officers.
- *193 public, catholic and independent schools are closed throughout the state, with an additional 20 TAFE campuses closed today, **Wednesday 13 November**.*
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 - Glenn Innes Showground
 - Goonellabah Sports and Aquatic Centre
 - Grafton Community Centre
 - Greta Workers Sport and Rec Club
 - Kempsey Macleay RSL Club
 - Kempsey Showground
 - Laurieton United Services Club
 - *Mullumbimby Ex-servicemans Club*
 - Nambucca Entertainment Centre
 - Nimbin Showground
 - Singleton Services Club
 - Urunga Ex-servicemans Club
 - Wauchope High School
 - Woolgoola Ex-servicemans Club
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted 1,771 end point users across 12 sites.
 - *Fixed landline outages have impacted 983 users.*
 - *ADSL Broadband outages have impacted 169 users.*
 - NBN services outages have impacted 768 Telstra services.

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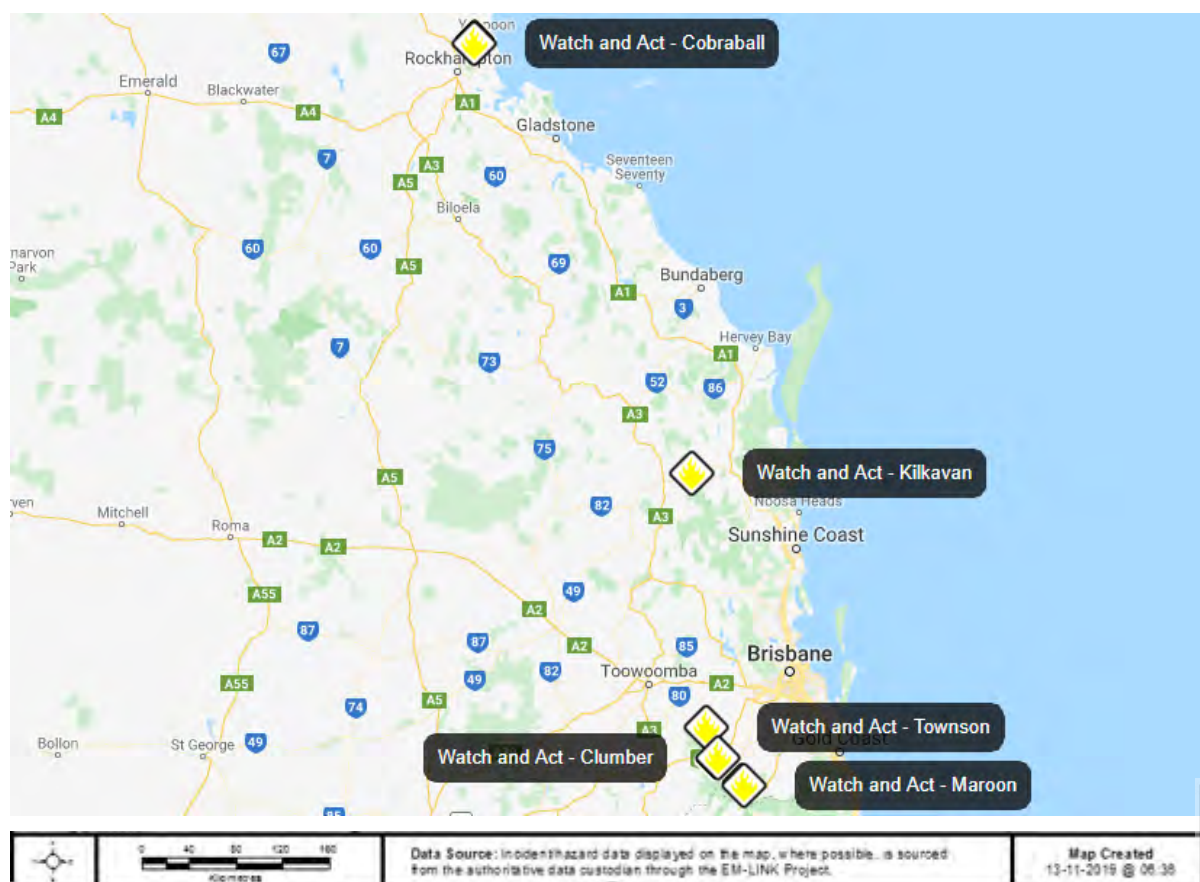
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- Power outages have caused affected NBN sites to rely on backup batteries which have since been exhausted. It is currently unsafe to deploy generators to the network due to multiple red zones in place.
- Fixed landline services are impacted in predominately Nymboida, Bellbrook, Toorooka, and *Wherrol Flat*.
- *Three 3G and four 4G mobile sites at Bellbrook, Toorooka, Taree South and Comara.*

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- Five WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Clumber
 - Cobrabbell
 - Maroon
 - Townson
 - Kilkavan
- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.(approx. 20 people using this facility).
 - 40 aircraft are currently deployed or available.
 - Over 1000 firefighters and IMT personnel are active.
 - 110 interstate and international (NZ) personnel arrived yesterday **Tuesday 12 November**.

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- ADF assistance to date - clearing fire breaks around Canungra and Beechmont with bulldozers and chainsaws, refuelling services, Liaison Officers embedded in State Disaster Coordination Centre, and rotary wing support for air observers and fire spotting based out of Rockhampton, Jimna and Scenic Rim areas.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - Up to 144 fixed landline services impacted at Bungundarra.
 - Approximately 44 ADSL services impacted at Canungra.
 - One 3G base station at Springsure.

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra update 11

Weather Forecast

Wednesday 13 November

- The cold front moves through remaining areas of southeast Queensland with SEVERE fire danger forecast for the Wide Bay and Burnett, the Darling Downs & Granite Belt and the Southeast Coast districts.
- Fire weather conditions ease across NSW with fire dangers reaching VERY HIGH across eastern districts. Dry, south-westerly winds will extend through most of NSW with maximum temperatures in the mid 20's for most areas.
- It will still remain hot across southeast Queensland with maximum temperatures in the low to mid 30's. Afternoon sea breezes are expected on the coastal fringe. There is the potential for very isolated showers and thunderstorms over parts of southeast and central Queensland with little or no rainfall.

Thursday 14 November

- The cold front and southerly change weakens near Fraser Island as a high pressure ridge extends across the remainder of southern Queensland and NSW.
- VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and much of eastern NSW. Maximum temperatures are forecast to remain in the low to mid 30's for southeast Queensland and the high 20's for much of eastern NSW.
- Very isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible over southeast and central Queensland with little or no rainfall. Light to moderate west to south-westerly winds are forecast inland with afternoon sea breezes along the coast.

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Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

NSW bushfires

Joint funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the DRFA in response to the bushfires that have affected the Mid-North Coast and Northern NSW.
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- A range of assistance is available, including:

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- support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs;
- help for eligible people whose homes or belongings have been damaged;
- funding to cover counter disaster operations costs, including firefighting activities;
- support for affected local councils to help with the costs of cleaning up and restoring damaged essential public assets;
- concessional interest rate loans for small businesses, primary producers and non-profit organisations;
- freight subsidies for primary producers; and
- grants to eligible non-profit organisations.
- This assistance is administered by the NSW Government.

Australian Government financial assistance

- The Australian Government is also providing additional financial assistance through the activation of:
 - The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP):
 - A non-means tested payment of \$1000 for eligible adults and \$400 for eligible children.
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 - The AGDRP has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Clarence Valley, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Mid-Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield and Walcha.
 - The Australian Government's Disaster Recovery Allowance (DRA):
 - A short-term income support payment to assist individuals who have experienced a loss of income as a direct result of the bushfires.
 - The DRA has been activated in the local government areas of: Armidale, Bellingen, Clarence Valley, Coffs Harbour, Glen Innes Severn, Kempsey, Inverell, Mid-Coast, Nambucca, Port Macquarie-Hastings, Richmond Valley, Tenterfield, Uralla and Walcha.
- These Australian Government payments are administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Queensland bushfires

Joint funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

- Disaster recovery assistance is being provided under the DRFA in response to the bushfires that have affected eastern Queensland.
- DRFA assistance is available in the local government areas of Livingstone and Noosa.
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 - support for people suffering personal hardship to help with their immediate emergency needs;
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 - The DRA has been activated in the local government areas of: Livingstone and Noosa.
- These Australian Government payments are administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

Australian Government Actions

- Emergency Management Australia is maintaining ongoing engagement with NSW and Qld.
- On **11 November 2019** a Commissioners and Chief Officers Strategic Committee (CCOSC) was convened between Emergency Management Australia and jurisdictional Emergency Service Commissioners and Chief Officers to discuss the current fire situation.
- On **11 November 2019** an Australian Government Crisis Committee was convened to discuss the current NSW, Qld and WA bushfire situation and potential impacts of forecast CATASTROPHIC NSW weather conditions for **Tuesday 12 November**.
- On **11 November 2019** a National Crisis Committee was convened between Australian Government and jurisdictional first ministers and bushfire combat agencies.

New South Wales

- On **31 October 2019**, the Director General Emergency Management Australia approved the activation of COMDISPLAN in response to a formal request for Australian Government non-financial assistance to support the bushfire activity in New South Wales.
- One overarching Request for Assistance (RFA) was for the Australian Defence Force to provide air transport for operational firefighters and support staff as a contingency measure. Under this request there have been four sub-taskings:
 - Task Request #001A – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Canberra to Port Macquarie.
 - Task Request #001B – **8 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple property losses and persons trapped/isolate by fire, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from South Australia to Port Macquarie.

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- Task Request #001C – **9 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple fatalities and property losses, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Tasmania to Port Macquarie.
- Task Request #001D – **11 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and reports of multiple fatalities and property losses, ADF to provide urgent air movement of interstate Strike Teams from Victoria to Armidale.
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Queensland

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 - Task Request #001 – **11 November 2019**: Due to extreme fire conditions and resulting property losses, ADF to provide 30 personnel with equipment to clear overgrown fire breaks in Beechmont.
 - Task Request #002 – **12 November 2019, 13 November 2019**: Due to severe fire conditions, ADF to provide aircraft with the capability of night flying operations from **13 November 2019**.

Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- *The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 1830 hrs **13 November 2019**.*

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Incident Brief

As of 1700 hrs (AEDT), 13 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 11

New information in Italics

Key Issues

- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continue *today*, **Wednesday 13 November**, over north-east NSW and south-east Qld.
- In New South Wales:
 - *There are currently **62** active fires across the state.*
 - Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,070,336** hectares.
 - *There is **one** EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfire throughout the state.*
 - *There are **14** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires throughout the state.*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than **30** people have been injured, including approximately **20** firefighters.
 - ***176** houses confirmed destroyed, a further **eight** facilities and an additional **314** outbuildings.*
 - ***15** Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.*
 - Commencing Monday 11 November, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for whole of state for seven days.
 - A state-wide total fire ban has been declared through to today, **Wednesday 13 November**.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
 - An EMA Disaster Recovery LO has been deployed to the NSW Office of Emergency Management.
- In Queensland:
 - *There are currently **85** active fires across the state.*
 - Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **22,500** hectares.
 - *There is currently **two** EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfire throughout the state.*
 - *There are **six** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires throughout the state.*
 - ***27** firefighters have been injured.*

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- **20** houses confirmed destroyed.
- **One** Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across **42** Local Government Areas in Queensland.
- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).

Situation Details

New South Wales



- There are currently **62** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,070,336**.
- **One** EMERGENCY WARNING remains in place for a fire burning at:
 - Hillville Road, Hillville
- **14** WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Carrai East
 - Gaspers Mountain
 - Gulf Road
 - Gum Scrub
 - Kian Road
 - Liberation Trail
 - Moonbi Range

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- *Mt Nardi National Park*
- *Myall Creek Road, Bora Ridge*
- *Reserves Road, Mares Run*
- *Rumba Dump*
- *Stockyard East*
- *Thunderbolts Way, Brett*
- *Washpool State Forest, Coombadjha*
- **96** aircraft are currently deployed or available.
- **1456** firefighters and IMT personnel are active (excluding interstate assistance).
- **780** interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from ACT, SA, Vic, Qld, Tas, WA, and New Zealand.
- **176** houses confirmed destroyed, a further **eight** facilities and an additional **314** outbuildings. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - *NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **2857** end point users across **12** sites.*
 - *Fixed landline outages have impacted **1219** users.*
 - *ADSL Broadband outages have impacted **118** users.*
 - *NBN services outages have impacted **768** Telstra services.*
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 - *Fixed landline services are impacted in predominately Nymboida, Bellbrook, Killabakh, Marlee, Taree and Toorooka.*
 - *Three 3G and five 4G mobile sites including Comara, Nabiac and Bellbrook*
- **193** public, catholic and independent schools are closed throughout the state, with an additional **20** TAFE campuses closed today, **Wednesday 13 November**.
- The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.
- **15** Evacuation Centres remain open at:
 - Bulahdelah Bowling Club
 - Cavanbah Centre, Byron Bay
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 - Grafton Community Centre
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Queensland



- There are currently **85** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **22,500** hectares.
- **Two EMERGENCY WARNING** remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Grapetree Road, Pechey
 - Beach Road, Noosa North Shore
- **Six WATCH AND ACT** warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Gympie, Woolloga Road and Upper Widgee Road, Widgee
 - Old Byfield Road, Cobraball
 - Mulgowie Road, Townson

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- *Waterfall Creek Road, Maroon*
- *Wilson Road and Spices Gap Road, Clumber*
- *Woppis Road and Woodgate Road, Woodgate*
- **40 aircraft** are currently deployed or available.
- Over **1000 firefighters** and IMT personnel are active (excluding interstate assistance).
- **112 interstate and international firefighters** (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from NT, Vic, and New Zealand.
- **20 houses confirmed destroyed** (Livingstone and Noosa) and an additional 38 outbuildings. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
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- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra update 11

Weather Forecast

Wednesday 13 November

- Fire weather conditions ease across NSW with fire dangers reaching VERY HIGH across eastern districts. Dry, south-westerly winds will extend through most of NSW with maximum temperatures in the mid 20's for most areas.
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Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

New South Wales

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QueenslandJoint funded Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA)

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Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

Australian Government Actions

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- On 11 November 2019 following meeting were held: Commissioners and Chief Officers Strategic Committee (CCOSC), Australian Government Crisis Committee (AGCC), National Crisis Committee (NCC).

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New South Wales

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 - Task Request #004 – **13 November 2019**, activation of International Charter for Space and National Disasters in order to provide High Resolution Satellite Imagery to NSW Rural Fire Service.

Queensland

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 - Emergency Management Australia has deployed one Liaison Officer to the NSW State Emergency Operations Centre.

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Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 0630 hrs **14 November 2019**.*

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Incident Brief

As of 0630 hrs (AEDT), 14 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 12

New information in Italics

Key Issues

- *VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continue today, **Thursday 14 November**, over northeast NSW and southeast Qld.*
- In New South Wales:
 - *There are currently **61** active fires across the state.*
 - *Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.*
 - *There are **eight** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - Three fatalities have been confirmed.
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 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
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- In Queensland:
 - *There are currently **70** active fires across the state.*
 - *Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **22,500** hectares.*
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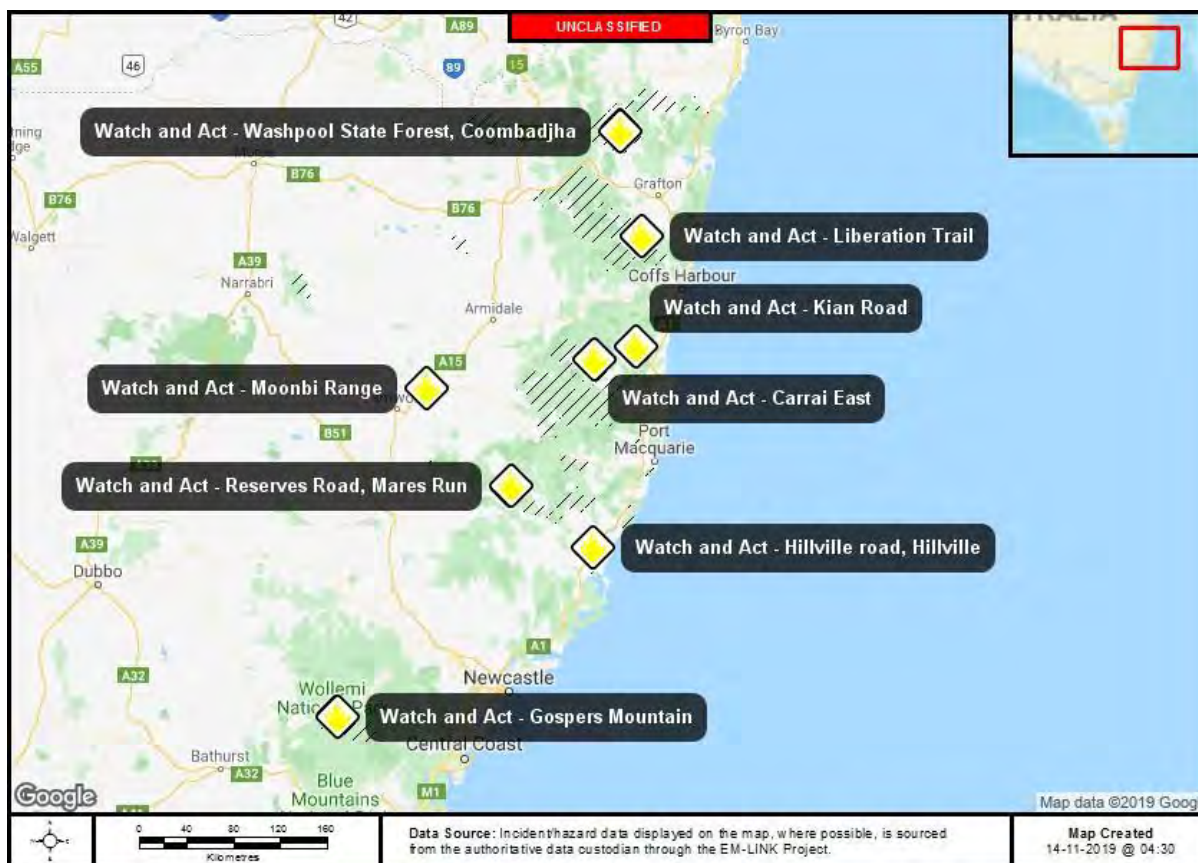
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Situation Details

New South Wales



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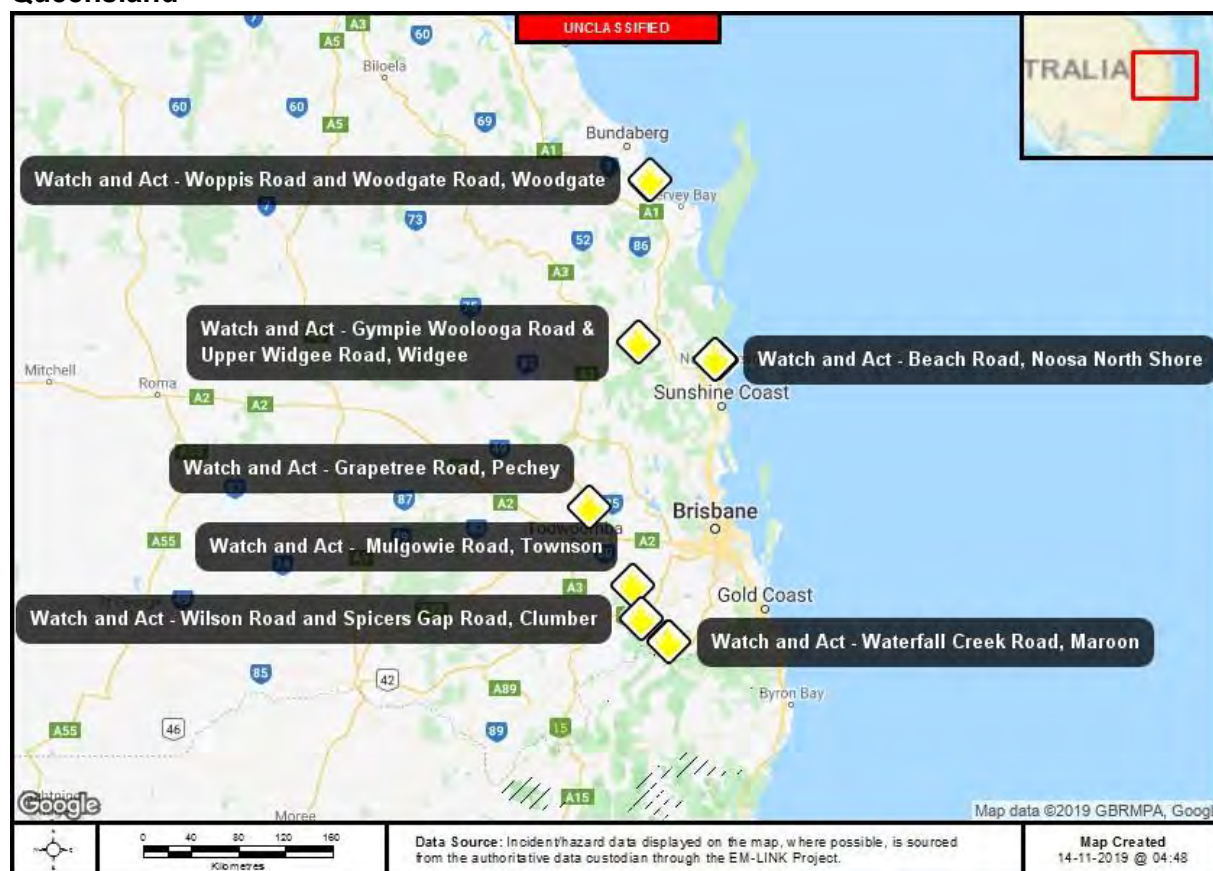
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Queensland

- There are currently **70** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **22,500** hectares.
- **Seven** WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Clumber
 - Maroon
 - Noosa North Shore
 - Pechey
 - Townson
 - Widgee
 - Woodgate
- **40** aircraft are currently deployed or available.
- Over **1000** firefighters and IMT personnel are active.
- **112** interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from NT, Vic, and New Zealand.
- **20** houses confirmed destroyed (Livingstone and Noosa). Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:

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- Up to **144** fixed landline services impacted at Bungundarra.
- Approximately **31** ADSL services impacted at Gatton and Dalby.
- **One** 3G base station at Springsure.
- An Evacuation Centre has been established at Yeppoon Basketball Centre.

Source: Qld SDCC, [QFES](#), Telstra update 11

Weather Forecast

Thursday 14 November

- *An inland trough of low pressure extends from central Queensland through to the border with northeast NSW, while a high pressure ridge is building across NSW.*
- *VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and much of eastern NSW. Maximum temperatures are forecast to remain in the low to mid 30's for southeast Queensland and the high 20's for much of eastern NSW.*
- *Very isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible over southeast and central Queensland, near the trough, with little or no rainfall. Light to moderate west to south-westerly winds are forecast inland with afternoon sea breezes along the coast.*

Friday 15 November

- *The high pressure ridge remains the dominant feature across NSW. VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland, reaching SEVERE for the Darling Downs and Granite Belt district. VERY HIGH fire danger is also forecast for most of eastern NSW.*
- *Dry, westerly winds are expected across inland areas with moderate to fresh north-easterly sea breezes along the coast. No rainfall is forecast for most parts but isolated showers and thunderstorms are possible from the Wide Bay and Burnet to central region of Queensland during the afternoon and evening again near the trough.*

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 7, [Bureau of Meteorology](#), Disaster Recovery Assistance, RFS Media Release_NSW Bushfire Season_2019-20_10 November

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New South Wales

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- Freight subsidies for primary producers; and o grants to eligible non-profit organisations.
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Australian Government financial assistance

- The Australian Government is also providing additional financial assistance through the activation of:
 - The Australian Government Disaster Recovery Payment (AGDRP):
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- DRFA assistance is available in the local government areas of Livingstone, Noosa and *Scenic Rim*.
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Source: Disaster Recovery Branch EMA

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- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).

Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- *The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 1830 hrs **14 November 2019**.*

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Incident Brief

As of 1730 hrs (AEDT), 14 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 13

New information in Italics

Key Issues

- VERY HIGH fire dangers continue today, **Thursday 14 November**, over northeast NSW and southeast Qld.
- In New South Wales:
 - *There are currently **60** active fires across the state.*
 - Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.
 - *There is **one** EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfire throughout the state.*
 - *There are **seven** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - ***Four** fatalities have been confirmed.*
 - More than **30** people have been injured, including approximately **20** firefighters.
 - ***220** houses confirmed destroyed, a further **11** facilities and an additional **401** outbuildings.*
 - ***10** Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.*
 - Commencing **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for the whole of state for seven days.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
 - An EMA Disaster Recovery LO has been deployed to the NSW Office of Emergency Management.
- In Queensland:
 - *There are currently **66** active fires across the state.*
 - Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400** hectares.
 - *There are **three** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - ***28** firefighters have been injured.*
 - ***15** houses confirmed destroyed.*
 - ***One** Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.*

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- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across **42** Local Government Areas in Queensland.
- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre (SDCC).

Situation Details

New South Wales



- *There are currently **60** active fires across the state.*
- *Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.*
- **One** EMERGENCY WARNING remains in place for a fire burning at:
 - *Myall Creek Road, Bora Ridge*
- **Seven** WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:
 - *Liberation Trail*
 - *Buckra Bendinni, Kian Road*
 - *Willi Willi, Carrai East*
 - *Dingo Tops Road, Rumba dump*
 - *Hillville Road, Hillville*
 - *Wollemi National Park, Gospers Mountain*
 - *Lyrebird Lane Ellenborough, Lyrebird*
- **94** aircraft are currently deployed or available.
- **536** vehicles are on scene at fires across the state.

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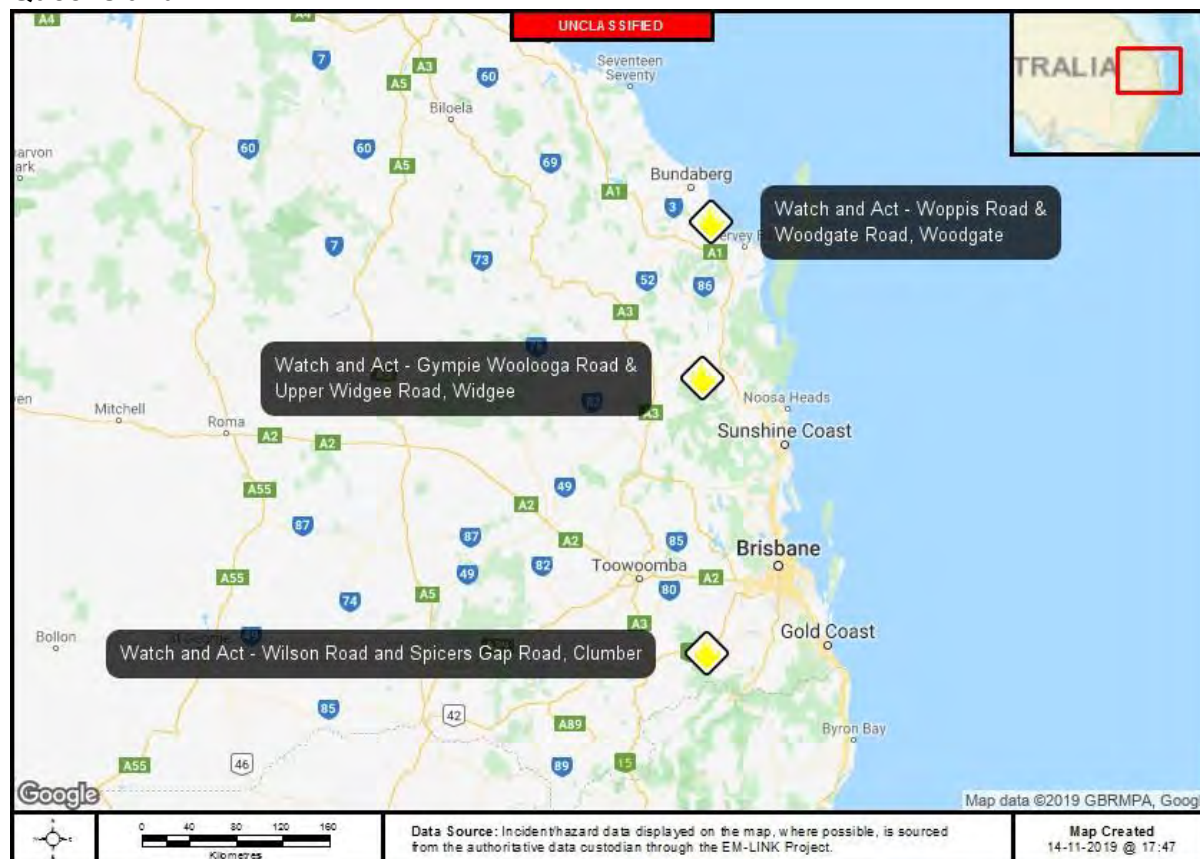
- **1310** fire fighters have been deployed (excluding interstate assistance).
- **1137** interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from ACT, Qld, SA, Tas., Vic., WA, and New Zealand.
- As of 2100 hrs on **Wednesday 13 November**, **220** houses confirmed destroyed, a further **11** facilities and an additional **401** outbuildings. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- On **Thursday 14 November**, **110** education facilities remain closed due to fire activity. These include public, private and independent schools as well as TAFE campuses.
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **1428** end point users across **12** sites.
 - Fixed landline outages have impacted **1201** users.
 - ADSL Broadband outages have impacted **125** users.
 - NBN service outages have impacted **1775** Telstra services in Failford, Hallidays Point and Darawank.
 - Power outages have caused affected NBN sites to rely on backup batteries which have since been exhausted. Generators have been deployed where safe to do so.
 - Fixed landline services are impacted in predominately Nymboida, Bellbrook, Killabakh, Marlee, Taree and Toorooka.
 - **Three** 3G and **five** 4G mobile sites including Comara, Nabiac, Toka, Woodburn, Maintland and Bellbrook.
 - The majority of service impact is attributed to the loss of AC Mains power at network sites.
 - Field technicians and power technicians will attend sites when and where it is safe to do so.
 - There is currently a loss of commercial AC Mains power to 17 network sites and six portable generators connected.
 - Telstra have issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.
- The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.
- As of 1100 hrs today, **Thursday 14 November**, there are **10** Evacuation Centres open at:
 - Bulahdelah Bowling Club
 - Wauchope Showgrounds
 - Cavanbah Centre, Byron Bay
 - Glenn Innes Showground
 - Grafton Community Centre
 - Kempsey Bowling Club
 - Nimbin Showground
 - Southern Cross University Lismore
 - Uki Community Hall
 - Woolgoola Ex-servicemans Club

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Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 14 November 2019, EMALO – verbal, Commissioner and Chief Officers Strategic Committee brief – 11 November 2019, Telstra update 13, Telstra – verbal, NSW SEOC Situational Report – NSW Bushfires – 1100 hrs 14 November 2019, NSW SEOC Operational Update – NSW Bushfires – 1200 hrs 14 November 2019, NSW RFS Building Impact Analysis Report – 2100 hrs 13 November 2019, [NSW RFS](#), [NSWPol](#)

Queensland

- There are currently **66** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400** hectares since **Monday 4 November 2019**.
- **Three** WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Wilson Road and Spicers Gap Road, Clumber
 - Gympie Woolooga Road and Upper Widgee Road, Widgee
 - Woppis Road and Woodgate Road, Woodgate
- **39** aircraft are currently deployed or available
- **235** appliances on scene at fires across the state
- Over **1000** firefighters and IMT personnel are active.
- **128** interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from NT, Vic., and New Zealand.
- As of 0805 hrs today, **Thursday 14 November**, **15** houses confirmed destroyed. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- As of 0600 hrs today, **Thursday 14 November**, **22** customers were without power in Yepoon and surrounding areas.

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- On **Thursday 14 November**, **two** Early Childhood Education Centres and **one** Catholic school remain closed due to fire activity.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - Up to **144** fixed landline services impacted at Bungundarra and River Heads and are unable to make or receive calls.
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **288** end point users across **two** sites.
 - Fibre-To-The-Node outages have impacted **468** end point users across **seven** sites.
 - Impacted location include Oak Valley, Woodstock, The Palms, The Palms North and Woodgate.
 - Approximately **31** ADSL services impacted at Gatton and Dalby.
 - **One** 3G base station at Springsure.
 - Telstra have issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.
- **Two** Evacuation Centres have been established at the Highfields Indoor Sports and Recreation facility, Toowoomba, and the Childers Cultural Centre, Bundaberg.

Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 14 November 2019,
 Qld SDCC State Update – 1000 hrs Thursday 14 November,
 Qld SDCC Whole of Government Key Messaging – 1345 hrs Thursday 14 November, [QFES](#), Telstra update 13

Weather Forecast

Thursday 14 November

- An inland trough of low pressure extends from northern Queensland passing north of Harvey Bay and into the southern Coral Sea where it combines with a cold front.
- A high pressure ridge extends across New South Wales and into the southern and western parts of Queensland.
- VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland and northeastern New South Wales. Maximum temperatures are forecast to remain in the low to mid 30's with sunny conditions.
- Light to moderate winds are forecast inland with afternoon sea breezes along the coast.

Friday 15 November

- The high pressure ridge remains the dominant feature across New South Wales.
- VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Queensland, reaching SEVERE for the Darling Downs and Granite Belt district. VERY HIGH fire danger is also forecast for most of eastern New South Wales, reaching SEVERE for the Hunter District.
- Dry, westerly winds are expected across inland areas with moderate to fresh north-easterly sea breezes along the coast.
- There is a chance of a thunderstorm in the morning and afternoon for northern southeast coast and Wide Bay and Burnett districts, with otherwise sunny conditions including eastern New South Wales.

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 8, [Bureau of Meteorology](#), RFS Media Release, NSW Bushfire Season_2019-20_10 November

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Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

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As of 0630 hrs (AEDT), 15 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 14

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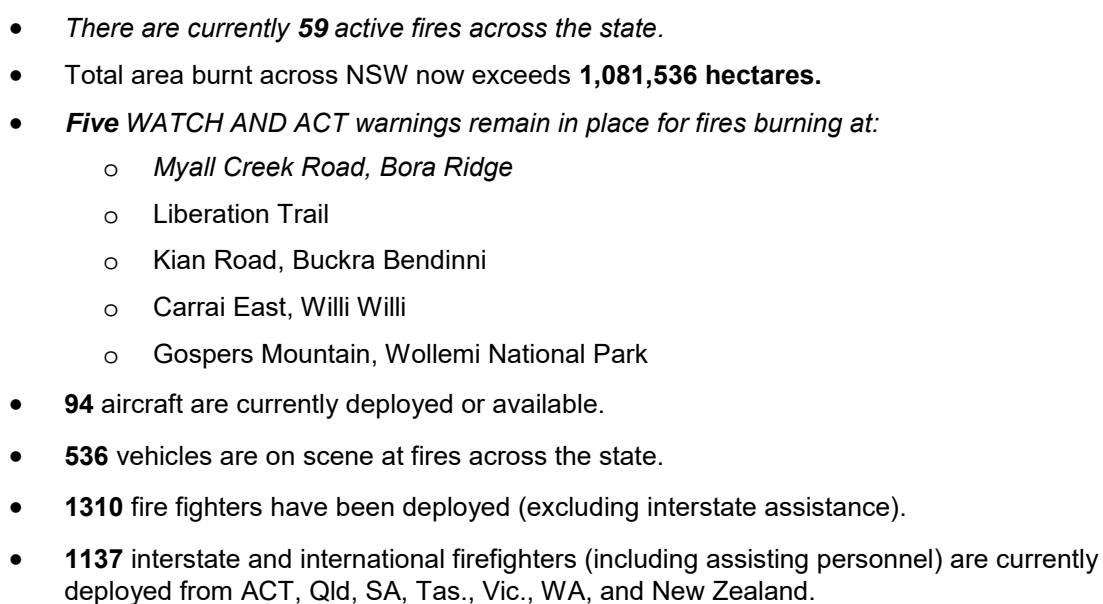
Key Issues

- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continue today, **Friday 15 November** over northeast NSW and southeast Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - *A total fire ban has been issued for the Far North Coast, North Coast, Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney Region, New England, Illawarra/Shoalhaven, Central Ranges and Northern Slopes fire areas for **Friday 15 November**.*
 - *There are currently **59** active fires across the state.*
 - The total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.
 - *There are **five** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - **Four** fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than **30** people have been injured, including approximately **20** firefighters.
 - **220** houses are confirmed destroyed, a further **11** facilities and an additional **401** outbuildings.
 - **10** Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
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- In Queensland:
 - There are currently **66** active fires across the state.
 - The total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400** hectares.
 - *There are **two** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning across the state.*
 - **28** firefighters have been injured.
 - **16** houses are confirmed destroyed.

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- o **One** Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
- o A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across **42** Local Government Areas in Qld.
- o An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre.

New South Wales



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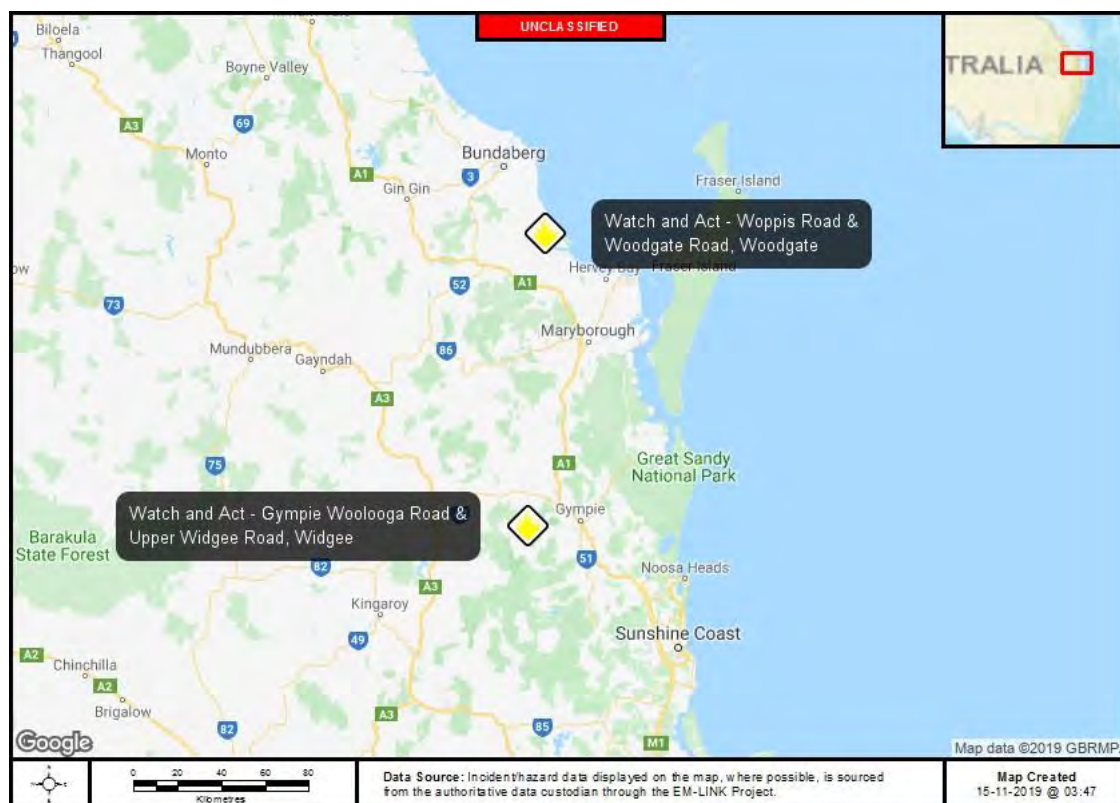
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- **64** education facilities remain closed due to fire activity. These include public, private and independent schools as well as TAFE campuses.
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **342** end point users across two sites.
 - Fibre-To-The-Node outages have impacted **41** end-users across two sites.
 - Fixed landline outages have impacted 885 users across five sites.
 - ADSL Broadband outages have impacted **97** users across three sites.
 - NBN service outages have impacted **1212** Telstra services across three sites.
 - Mobile service outages have impacted **three** 3G and **three** 4G sites across four mobile base stations.
 - On **Wednesday 13 November** Failford Exchange was identified as having external structure damage and internal heat damage. Work has begun on restoring full services from this exchange.
 - Killabakh Creek Exchange has sustained significant fire damage and may be unsafe. A structural integrity assessment will be performed before technicians access the site.
 - Field technicians and power technicians continue to attend sites when and where it is safe to do so.
 - The majority of service impact is as a result of mains power loss across **15** network sites. **Six** sites are being supported by portable power generators.
 - Telstra have issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.
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 - Lismore Showground
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- A total fire ban is current for 42 local government areas.
- There are currently **66** active fires across the state.
- The total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400** hectares since **Monday 4 November 2019**.
- **Two** WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Gympie Woolooga Road and Upper Widgee Road, Widgee.
 - Woppis Road and Woodgate Road, Woodgate.
- **39** aircraft are currently deployed or available.
- **231** appliances are on scene at fires across the state.
- Over **1000** firefighters and IMT personnel are active.
- **128** interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from NT, Vic., WA and New Zealand.
- **16 houses** are confirmed destroyed. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.
- **22** customers are without power in Yeppoon and surrounding areas.
- **One** Early Childhood Education Centre remains closed due to fire activity.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **288** end point users across 2 sites.
 - Fibre-To-The-Node outages have impacted **468** end-users across 8 sites.
 - NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted **337** Telstra users in Woodgate.

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- Loss of **one** 3G base station at Woodgate.
- Telstra has issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.
- **One Evacuation Centre is operational at the Childers Cultural Centre, Bundaberg.**

Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 14 November 2019,
 Qld SDCC State Update – 1000 hrs Thursday 14 November, [QFES](#), Telstra update 14
 Qld SDCC Whole of Government Key Messaging – 1630 hrs Thursday 14 November

Weather Forecast

Friday 15 November

- The high pressure ridge remains the dominant feature across NSW.
- VERY HIGH fire dangers are forecast for southeast Qld, reaching SEVERE for the Darling Downs and Granite Belt district. VERY HIGH fire danger is also forecast for most of eastern NSW, reaching SEVERE for the Far North Coast, North Coast, Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney Region and Illawarra/Shoalhaven fire areas.
- Dry, westerly winds are expected across inland areas with moderate to fresh northeasterly sea breezes along the coast.
- There is a chance of a thunderstorm in the morning and afternoon for northern southeast coast and Wide Bay and Burnett districts, with otherwise sunny conditions including eastern NSW.

Saturday 16 November

- A broad trough will continue drawing heat across inland Qld, bringing possible storms to southeast Qld.
- Maximum temperatures are forecast to increase to the high 30's for southern inland areas of Qld and mid 30's for northern parts of NSW. Associated low intensity heatwave conditions are expected.

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 8, [Bureau of Meteorology](#), RFS Media Release, NSW Bushfire Season_2019-20_10 November

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New South Wales

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Queensland

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- DRFA assistance is available in the local government areas of Livingstone, Noosa and Scenic Rim.
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Source: CCC Operations and CCC Planning, Emergency Management Australia

Further Information

- The CCC has contacted relevant agencies and continues to monitor the situation closely.
- *The next CCC Incident Brief will be issued at 1830 hrs **15 November 2019**.*

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Incident Brief

As of 1730 hrs (AEDT), 15 November 2019

New South Wales and Queensland bushfires – Version 15

New information in Italics

Key Issues

- VERY HIGH to SEVERE fire dangers continue today, **Friday 15 November**, over northeast NSW and southeast Qld with a risk of dry lightning exacerbating the danger.
- In New South Wales:
 - *There are currently **59** active fires across the state.*
 - The total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.
 - *There are **four** EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - *There are **six** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.*
 - **Four** fatalities have been confirmed.
 - More than **30** people have been injured, including approximately **20** firefighters.
 - ***271** houses are confirmed destroyed, a further **19** facilities and an additional **503** outbuildings.*
 - **10** Evacuation Centres remain activated to support fire affected communities.
 - A total fire ban is current for the Far North Coast, North Coast, Greater Hunter, Greater Sydney Region, New England, Illawarra/Shoalhaven, Central Ranges and Northern Slopes fire areas for **Friday 15 November**.
 - Commencing **Monday 11 November**, the NSW Premier declared a State of Emergency for the whole state for seven days.
 - An EMA LO has been deployed to the NSW RFS State Operations Centre.
 - An EMA Disaster Recovery LO has been deployed to the NSW Office of Emergency Management.
- In Queensland:
 - *There are currently **57** active fires across the state.*
 - The total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400** hectares.
 - *There is **one** EMERGENCY WARNING level bushfire burning throughout the state.*

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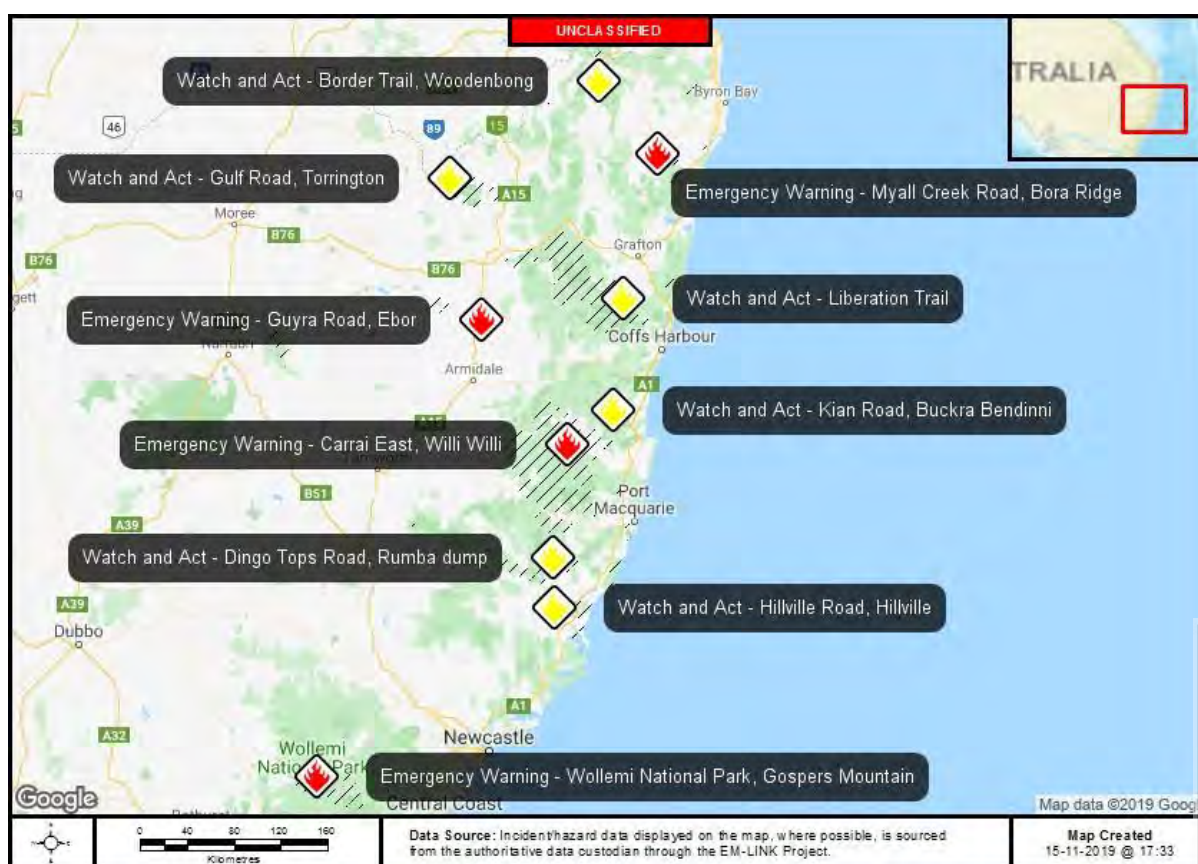
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- There are **four** WATCH AND ACT level bushfires burning throughout the state.
- **31** firefighters have been injured.
- **16** houses are confirmed destroyed.
- **One** Evacuation Centre remains activated to support fire affected communities.
- A total fire ban is current for 42 local government areas.
- A State of Fire Emergency has been declared across **42** Local Government Areas in Qld.
- An EMA LO has been deployed to the Qld State Disaster Control Centre.

Situation Details

New South Wales



- There are currently **59** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across NSW now exceeds **1,081,536** hectares.
- **Four** EMERGENCY WARNING level fires remain in place at:
 - Wollemi National Park, Gaspers Mountain
 - Guyra Road, Ebor
 - Carrai East, Willi Willi
 - Myall Creek Road, Bora Ridge
- **Six** WATCH AND ACT warnings remain in place for fires burning at:

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- *Border Trail, Woodenbong*
- *Hillville Road, Hillville*
- *Dingo Tops Road, Rumba dump*
- *Gulf Road, Torrington*
- *Liberation Trail*
- *Kian Road, Buckra Bendinni*
- **115 aircraft are currently deployed or available.**
- **530 vehicles are on scene at fires across the state.**
- **1449 fire fighters have been deployed (excluding interstate assistance).**
- **910 interstate and international firefighters (including assisting personnel) are currently deployed from ACT, Qld, SA, Tas., Vic., WA, and New Zealand.**
- **As of 2100 hrs on *Thursday 14 November*, 271 houses, 19 facilities and an additional 503 outbuildings are confirmed destroyed. Damage assessments are ongoing and the numbers of destroyed structures are expected to rise.**
- **66 education facilities remain closed due to fire activity. These include public, private and independent schools as well as TAFE campuses.**
- NSW SES members continue to assist NSW RFS with the northeast NSW bushfires.
- Telstra has advised that telecommunications infrastructure has been impacted by the fires, including:
 - *NBN fixed wireless outages have impacted 342 end point users across two sites.*
 - *Fibre-To-The-Node outages have impacted 19 end-users across one site.*
 - *Fixed landline outages have impacted 818 users across five sites.*
 - *ADSL service outages have impacted 193 users across three sites.*
 - *NBN service outages have impacted 1217 Telstra services across three sites.*
 - *Mobile service outages have impacted three 3G and three 4G sites across three mobile base stations.*
 - *On **Thursday 14 November** Failford Exchange was down again due to a power issue. Technicians have attended this morning and restored services to the exchange.*
 - *Killabakh Creek Exchange has sustained significant fire damage and may be unsafe. A structural integrity assessment will be performed before technicians access the site.*
 - *Field technicians and power technicians continue to attend sites when and where it is safe to do so.*
 - *The majority of service impact is as a result of mains power loss across 15 network sites. Six sites are being supported by portable power generators.*
 - *Telstra have issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.*
- The NSW Public Information and Inquiry Centre (PIIC) was activated on **Friday 8 November** to support the provision of information to the community of impacts from current fire activity.
- There are **10** Evacuation Centres open at:
 - *Kempsey Showground*
 - *Lismore Showground*
 - *Taree Showground*

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Queensland



- There are currently **57** active fires across the state.
- Total area burnt across Qld now exceeds **44,400**.
- **One** EMERGENCY WARNING is in place for a fire burning at:
 - Grapetree Road, Pechey
- **Four** WATCH AND ACT warnings also remain in place for fires burning at:
 - Gympie Woolooga Road and Upper Widgee Road, Widgee

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- Woppis Road and Woodgate Road, Woodgate
- Wilson Road and Spicers Gap Road, Clumber
- Yerra Road, Yerra
- **38** aircraft are currently deployed or available.
- **218** appliances are on scene at fires across the state.
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 - Loss of 3G mobile capacity from one physical site at Woodgate. 4G mobile services have been restored.
 - Site access is available today under Police Escort. This will allow NBN technicians to review the extent of the damage and begin planning appropriate restoration activities.
 - Services on the Fixed Wireless network at The Palms North were restored last night.
 - Telstra has issued a disaster relief package to affected customers.
- **One** Evacuation Centre is operational at the Childers Cultural Centre, Bundaberg.

Source: Notification of Service Disruption – National Broadband Network – 15 November 2019,
 Qld SDCC State Update – 1000 hrs Thursday 15 November, [QFES](#), Telstra update 14
 Qld SDCC Whole of Government Key Messaging – 1439 hrs Friday 15 November

Weather Forecast

Friday 15 November

- A cold front will move across NSW later today and into **Saturday 16 November**, bringing dry south-westerly winds.
- An inland trough extends over central Qld and into far northeast NSW.
- It will remain hot in the east with temperatures in the low to mid 30s over southeast Qld and northeast NSW, leading to **SEVERE** fire danger over parts of these areas.
- Afternoon and evening thunderstorms are expected over southeast Qld near the trough.

Saturday 16 November to Monday 18 November

- Maximum temperatures are forecast to increase to the high 30s for southern inland areas of Qld and mid 30s for northern parts of NSW. Low-intensity heatwave conditions are expected during this period.

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- *There is the possibility of showers east of the Great Dividing Range, mostly on **Sunday 15 November**, as a low-pressure trough deepens near the coast, but it's expected to remain dry west of the ranges.*
- *Afternoon and evening thunderstorms will continue near the inland trough which will remain slow-moving over northeast NSW and southeast Qld.*
- *SEVERE fire danger will continue over parts of these areas, decreasing to VERY HIGH by **Monday 18 November**.*

Source: BOM Critical Event Brief 2019/30 – Update 9, [Bureau of Meteorology](#)

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