

## A few suggestions for you to consider when managing clean up in your bush areas following the fire.

### Track Clearing and Maintenance

- Get fallen trees and fences off your tracks, grade and maintain to ensure you have safe access

### Prioritise Fence Removal, Repair and Reinstallation

- This could be a good time to review your fencing plan and determine the best spots for your fencing to protect bush and waterways
- Remember, you may have a commitment to Landcare Fencing for 10 years from install, and fencing at these sites will need to be replaced.

### Leave Standing Trees and Fallen Logs

- It may seem like all your trees are dead, and it may be tempting to clear all standing and fallen trees to make it 'look nice' and to 'erase' the fire. But these trees can be valuable resources in preventing erosion, providing habitat and 'niches' where regrowth can occur.
- By all means, remove dangerous trees, but leave some standing for lookout points for birds of prey, and leave some fallen along creeklines to slow water flow, provide habitat, and to allow safe pockets for natural regeneration.

### Don't Plant in Burnt Bushland This Year

- Wait through this winter and see what natural regeneration occurs in your burnt areas, and then plan for revegetation next winter (2021).

### Prepare for Early Weed Control

- Weeds are going to emerge first, and it will be important to keep them under control. Keep an eye out on areas where you know weeds existed before. Let them emerge to hold the soil down until we get some rain, and then knock them back.
- Some weeds may require special or additional control—seek professional advice if needed.

### Prepare for Feral Pest Management

- Cleared bush land may expose fox dens and rabbit warrens. Use a variety of tactics to manage ferals now: rip warrens, bait and shoot.

### Install Nest Boxes for Native Animals in Nearby Bush

- Nesting sites for native animals will be lost. Hollow logs can be moved to established bush, and nest boxes installed to support animals that have fled.

### Take Photos

- Take before photos from set points so you can record the recovery

**If you have questions about any of this, come chat with us!**

