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Mapping announcement resolves a burning issue

The Housing Industry Association (HIA) has welcomed changes to Western Australia's bushfire risk mapping, announced yesterday by the Ministers for Planning and Fire and Emergency Services.

"Yesterday's announcement is a sensible move, correcting an oversimplified approach to determining bushfire risk that has unnecessarily burdened some new home owners with additional costs." said Cath Hart, Executive Director of HIA.

"New homes can be required to include additional construction components when included in a bushfire zone on maps that are provided by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.

"The revision to those maps, released today, will go some way towards new homes in the central sub region of Perth being assigned a more appropriate bushfire risk than in the past.

"Further work on a scientific approach to determining bushfire risk for the remainder of the State is welcomed, with more accurate bushfire risks to come in time for peri-urban and regional homes.

"These changes will align Western Australia's approach to determining bushfire risk to those in other states.

"They will also remove red tape that has hampered housing affordability for Western Australians."

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