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# Have your say on bushfire management

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The ACT Emergency Services Agency (ESA) Commissioner Dominic Lane has invited the Canberra community to continue to have their say on bushfire management in Canberra.

“Next week will be another opportunity for Canberrans to participate into the review of the Strategic Bushfire Management Plan (SBMP) and have the opportunity to provide their input into the proposed Plan” Commissioner Lane said.

“The key message for the review, *Living on the edge – help shape bushfire management in the ACT*, is designed to raise the awareness of Canberrans living in areas of high bushfire risk where the city meets the bush” he said.

“The six evening sessions at various venues across the Territory will be an interactive experience. The meetings have been deliberately designed to encourage the audience to participate and engage in this important review of the Plan.

“As well as addressing the higher bushfire risk areas in the urban environment, the review of the SBMP is also looking at future hazard reduction burning programs, how climate change is affecting the landscape and the vegetation management of residential gardens.

The six consultation evenings will all commence from 6.30pm through until 8.30pm at the following venues:

Tuesday 25 March, 2014 – Tharwa Hall;

Thursday 27 March, 2014 – Gold Creek Station, Hall;

Tuesday 1 April, 2014 – ACT Rural Fire Service Rivers Brigade Shed, Weston Creek;

Thursday 3 April, 2014 – ACT Rural Fire Service Jerrabomberra Brigade Shed, Symonston;

Tuesday 8 April, 2014 – Southern Cross Club, Jamison;

Thursday 10 April, 2014 – Burns Club, Kambah.

“Since the review began last month, the ESA has begun its community consultation through social media with already 257 page followers on facebook,” Commissioner Lane said.

Confirmation of attendance is recommended and details can be found on the ESA website, [www.esa.act.gov.au](http://www.esa.act.gov.au).