



Premier of Western Australia

Our Ref: 24-501215/JH

Ms Belinda Clarkson
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Dear Ms Clarkson

Thank you for your correspondence dated 2 November 2014 regarding Australian Disaster Grants.

While unable to comment on Victorian Government matters, I am advised that all Western Australia fire weather warnings are currently based on the Grass Fire Danger Index (GFDI). The GFDI has standard Fire Danger Rating categories that reflect the potential fire behaviour and difficulty of control.

The Western Australian Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) also uses Aurora fire simulation software to track a bushfire in real time, identify communities potentially under threat and subsequently provide community warnings in a timely manner. Aurora was developed in collaboration with the University of Western Australia, Landgate and DFES. It has been successfully used by DFES over the last two bushfire seasons.

The Western Australian Government is committed to providing timely and accurate bushfire warnings to the community. I thank you for your interest in fire safety.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Colin Barnett'.

Colin Barnett MLA
PREMIER

18 DEC 2014