

National Bushfire Arson Forum Report



Experts assembled from AFAC, AIC, Bushfire Collaborative Research Centre, state and territory governments, police and fire agencies.

On 25 March 2009, the Commonwealth Attorney-General for Australia called together a group of experts to discuss greater national collaboration in bushfire arson prevention. Participants came from Australasian Fire Authorities Council, Australian Institute of Criminology, Bushfire Collaborative Research Centre, state and territory government police and fire agencies.

The forum drew together examples of bushfire arson prevention and education initiatives and identified national priorities for action for the prevention of bushfire arson. Strategies were developed in five areas: environmental and situational strategies; criminal justice responses; community education; evidence base; and enabling strategies.

Aim

The aim of the forum was to discuss observations and recommendations from the Australian Institute of Criminology (AIC) report 'Using crime prevention to reduce deliberate bushfires in Australia'.

The forum provided opportunities to discuss greater national collaboration to reduce bushfires caused by arson.

Outcomes

Outcomes of the forum included:

- drawing together promising examples of successful bushfire arson prevention and education initiatives;
- identifying national priorities for action for the prevention of bushfire arson; and,
- considering outcomes that can be implemented immediately, and those that may be more long term.