

Bushfire Rebuild Information



This fact sheet provides information and guidance to assist those that were impacted by the recent bushfires. It describes the bushfire rebuild services available at Council, where additional information can be found and key contacts.

Blue Mountains City Council is here for all of your bushfire rebuild related enquiries.

Council is committed to assisting our community in its recovery, every step of the way.

Bushfire can have extensive negative effects on the social and economic wellbeing of a household and community. Following the experiences of the 2013 and 2019/20 bushfires, Council is better aware of the psycho-social factors informing the decisions to rebuild and the delays that can occur in the process and that is why we are here to help.

Council development application fees have been waived for bushfire impacted properties with no time limit applied. This is in addition to the temporary waiving of the following fees for bushfire impacted properties until mid-2022:

- Land use advice pre-lodgement fees,
- Tree removal permit fees,
- Roads Act application fees,
- Annual onsite sewage system fees.

The issue of Construction Certificates and provision of building certification services are available from Council as well as registered private certifiers. Therefore, due to the need to maintain competitive neutrality, Council does not waive fees for these services.

Applications can be lodged online via our website. Please contact Council if you need assistance.

Do you need specific development related advice to get your rebuild started?

Speak to one of our helpful Council officers today. We have town planners, building surveyors, landscape and environmental specialists and environmental health officers ready to assist with your enquiries including but not limited to:

- Demolition or clean-up works,
- Tree removal,
- Location, orientation, bulk, scale of development,
- Landscaping and vegetation management,
- Building standards and materials,
- Onsite septic systems.

Where to find additional information and key contacts?

Council's website (link below) contains regularly updated information to assist people in the bushfire recovery and rebuild process but please feel free to also contact Council directly should you have any questions. Adam Boyes, Senior Environmental Health & Building Surveyor, is Council's dedicated bushfire rebuild point of contact. Adam can be contacted on 4780 5736.