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Safety on Public Land Act 2004**DECLARATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY ZONES**

I, Sam Quigley, Deputy Chief Fire Officer – Gippsland, as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning, make the following declaration of public safety zones under section 4(1) of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**.

1. Definitions

In this declaration:

- (a) ‘the Act’ means the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004**;
- (b) ‘the declared public safety zones’ means the area declared under Clause 3 of this declaration;
- (c) ‘the Schedule’ means the Schedule to this declaration;

2. Revocation of previous declaration

The declaration of public safety zones made on 31 January 2022 and published in Victoria Government Gazette No. G 6 on 10 February 2022 is revoked at midnight on 2 March 2022.

3. Declaration of Public Safety Zones

- (a) The areas of State forest contained within the location coordinates in the Schedule are declared to be public safety zones.
- (b) The extent of the public safety zones are described by the minimum planimetric extent using a North South orientated rectangle that encloses the area bound by:
 - a. the south-west limit described by the first two metric coordinates (Easting and Northing); and
 - b. the north-east limit described by the next two metric coordinates (Easting and Northing).
- (c) The public safety zones are limited to all areas that contain State forest within an area identified by the coordinates in the Schedule.
- (d) The coordinates in Schedule 1 are provided in Map Grid of Australia (MGA) Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Zone number 55. These use the Geodetic Reference System 1980 (GRS80) spheroid.

4. Purpose for which the area has been declared

The purpose for which the declared public safety zones have been declared is for the maintenance of public safety in relation to planned burn operations. These operations include all planned burn preparation, ignition, patrol and rehabilitation works associated within the planned burn area and access tracks.

5. Period of the declaration

The period for which the declared public safety zones are declared is the period commencing from 3 March 2022 and ending on 31 May 2022 inclusive.

6. Activities prohibited

The activities that are prohibited in the declared public safety zones are:

- (a) knowingly entering a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited; and
- (b) knowingly remaining in or being present in a declared public safety zone during a period when access is prohibited.

7. Periods when access is prohibited

Access is prohibited to the declared public safety zones throughout the period of the declaration.

8. Exempt persons or classes of person

Pursuant to section 5(2) of the Act, the following persons or classes of person are exempt from the operation of this declaration:

- (a) Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Environment, Land Water and Planning engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (b) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of the Country Fire Authority engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (c) Employees, agents and contractors of the Fire Rescue Victoria, Ambulance Victoria, WorkSafe Victoria and Environment Protection Authority Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (d) Members of the police force of Victoria engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (e) Employees, agents and contractors of the Local Government Areas engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (f) Employees, agents and contractors of the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (g) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of an Emergency Management Services engaged by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or the Country Fire Authority to carry out an emergency management functions.
- (h) Employees, agents, volunteers and contractors of Networked Emergency Organisation partners engaged by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning or the Country Fire Authority to carry out their functions.
- (i) Employees, agents and contractors of Water Authorities engaged in carrying out their functions.
- (j) Members of the public using State forest roads as the most practical access to and from private properties surrounding State forest.
- (k) Employees, agents and contractors engaged in accessing and carrying out functions within a prescribed mine, as defined by regulation 5.3.3 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, where both an approved work plan, as defined by section 40 of the **Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development Act 1990)**, and an Emergency plan, prepared in accordance with regulation 5.3.34 of the Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2007, are in place which address the risk of bushfires.
- (l) Employees, agents and contractors of VicForests engaged in carrying out their functions.

Dated 25 February 2022

SAM QUIGLEY
Deputy Chief Fire Officer, Gippsland
as delegate of the Secretary to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning

Notes:

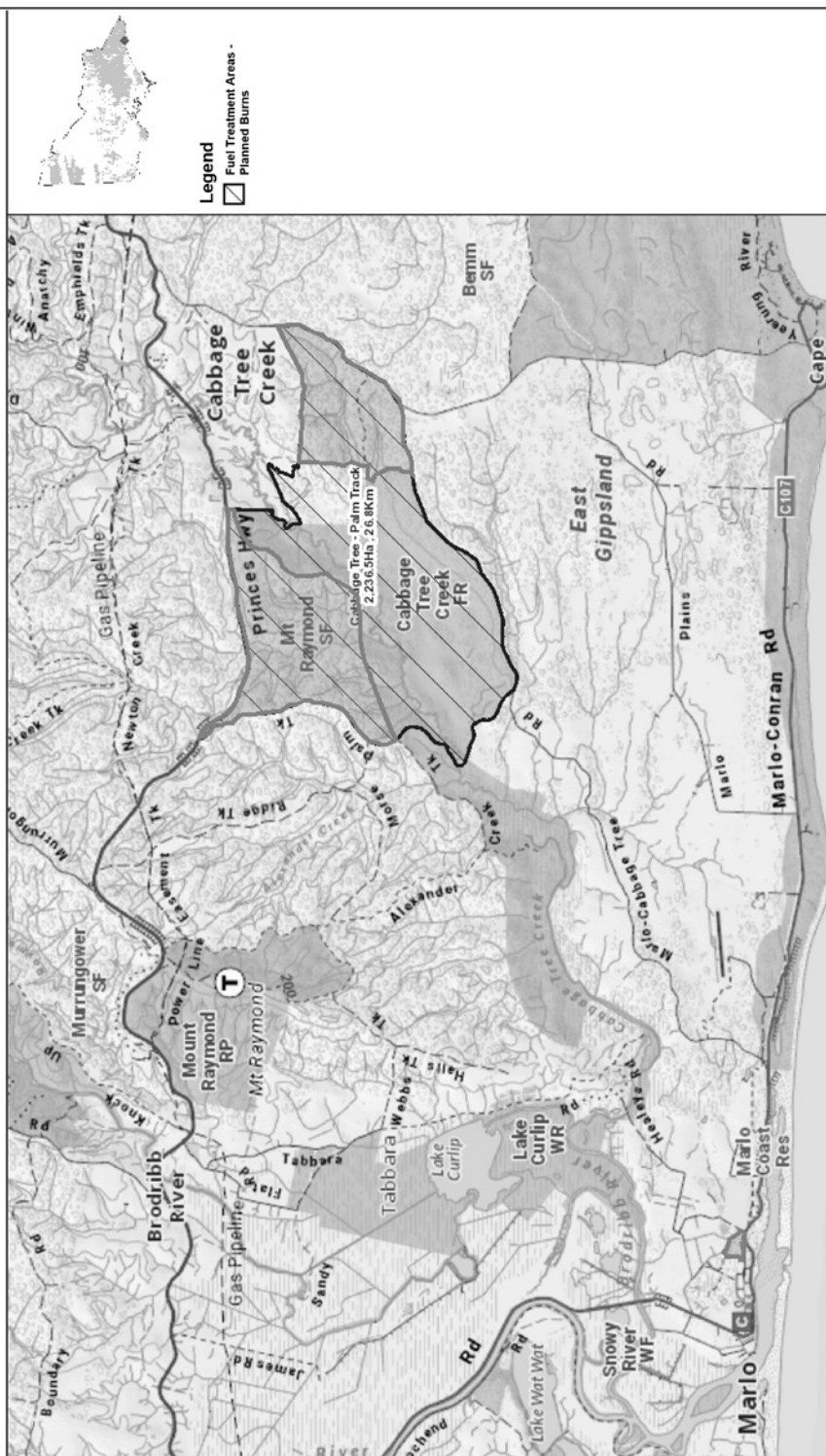
1. Maps showing the public safety zones are held at the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) Regional office at Traralgon and at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne, Victoria 3002 (by appointment with Regional Fuel Management Coordinator, telephone 136 186). Maps are also available on the following web site: <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/permits-and-regulations/closures-of-parks-and-forests>
2. In addition to the above persons or classes of person exempted under section 5(2), section 9 of the Safety on **Public Land Act 2004** provides that a public safety zone declaration does not apply to the following:
 - the Secretary;
 - an authorised officer;
 - a utility engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a transport authority engaged in the carrying out of its functions in a State forest;
 - a person or class of person authorised under section 10 of the **Safety on Public Land Act 2004** to be in the public safety zone.

Schedule: Public Safety Zones

Item no.	Extent of Public Safety Zones							
	Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4		Column 5		Column 6
	State Forest, Forest Park or Reserve	Planned Burn Name	Planned Burn Number	South-west limit Easting Northing		North-east limit Easting Northing		MGA Zone
1	Bemm State Forest and Mount Raymond State Forest	Cabbage Tree – Palm Track	GP-SNO-ORB-0125	644706	5819895	652824	5826123	Zone 55
2	Bonang State Forest	Bonang – Telecom Track	GP-SNO-BOC-0041	649114	5886995	654455	5892095	Zone 55
3	Bruthen State Forest	Bruthen – Pipe Dump Road North	GP-TBO-BAI-0155	571496	5828096	573636	5829944	Zone 55
4	Bullung – Warl State Forest	Clifton Creek – Bark Bucket Creek	GP-TBO-BAI-0024	553849	5825789	556198	5827916	Zone 55
5	Bullung – Warl State Forest	Mount Taylor – Jones Road	GP-TBO-BAI-0152	554290	5823216	556018	5825800	Zone 55
6	Colquhoun Regional Park	Colquhoun – Oil Bore Road North	GP-TBO-NOW-0292	579804	5813903	581915	5815435	Zone 55
7	Colquhoun Regional Park	Colquhoun – Tin Shed Track	GP-TBO-NOW-0297	580231	5811632	582754	5814330	Zone 55
8	Colquhoun/ Boyanga Gidi State Forest	Nowa Nowa – Long Hill Track	GP-TBO-NOW-0296	594063	5821770	595361	5822967	Zone 55
9	Colquhoun/ Boyanga Gidi State Forest	Nowa Nowa – Pettmans Road East	GP-TBO-NOW-0291	588515	5817677	590794	5822575	Zone 55
10	Colquhoun/ Boyanga Gidi State Forest	Nowa Nowa – Stockyard Break	GP-TBO-NOW-0016	591854	5824238	594861	5826757	Zone 55
11	Gurrun – Gurrun – Yarn State Forest	Bruthen Deadhorse Creek	GP-TBO-NOW-0299	578097	5823544	583059	5827925	Zone 55

12	Gurrun – Gurrun – Yarn State Forest	Bruthen – Omaras Road	GP-TBO- BAI-0006	575409	5827481	577269	5829636	Zone 55
13	Hartland State Forest	Orbost – Wombat Track	GP-SNO- ORB-0059	613347	5816450	617883	5820985	Zone 55
14	Hartland State Forest	Tostaree – Old Tostaree Road	GP-TBO- NOW-0288	600692	5819293	603487	5822301	Zone 55
15	Mount Alfred State Forest	Melwood – Melwood Boundary track	GP-TBO- BAI-0020	542426	5822820	544122	5824614	Zone 55
16	Mount Alfred State Forest	Mount Alfred – Kill Me Dead Creek	GP-TBO- BAI-0007	537359	5829223	539810	5833547	Zone 55
17	Mount Alfred State Forest	Mount Alfred – Wattle Creek Road	GP-TBO- BAI-0017	535632	5828966	539350	5834373	Zone 55
18	Mount Alfred State Forest	Wuk Wuk – Cox Boundary track	GP-TBO- BAI-0151	535788	5824895	540384	5826525	Zone 55
19	Mount Alfred State Forest	Wuk Wuk – Harding Road East	GP-TBO- BAI-0034	536058	5825638	539146	5828534	Zone 55
20	Murrungower State Forest and Bemm State Forest	Cabbage Tree – Emphields Track	GP-SNO- ORB-0064	651651	5826275	654539	5828029	Zone 55
21	State Forest	Marlo – Bushland East	GP-SNO- ORB-0007	636195	5815661	636877	5816193	Zone 55

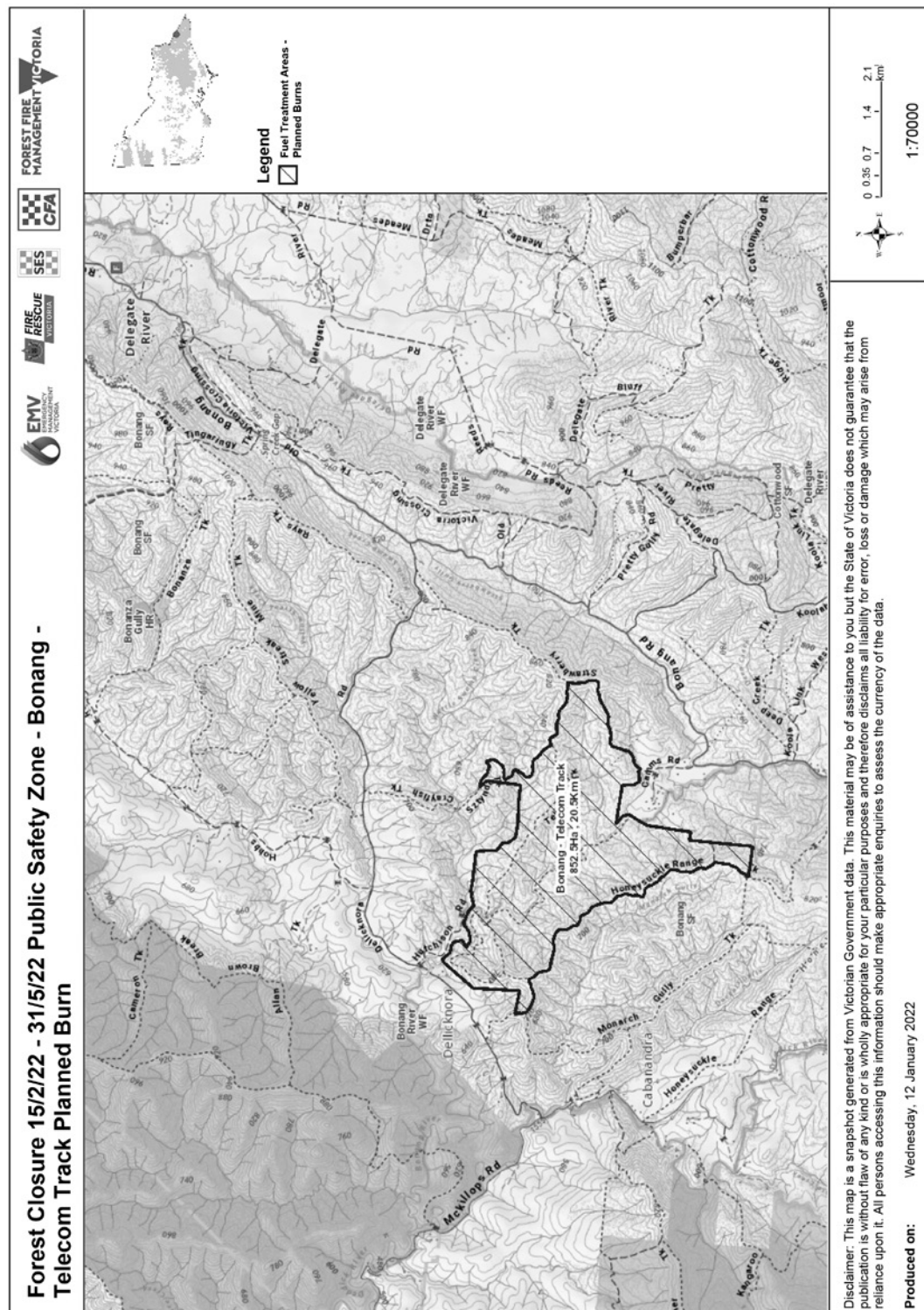
Forest Closure 15/2/22 - 31/5/22 Public Safety Zone - Cabbage Tree - Palm Track Planned Burn



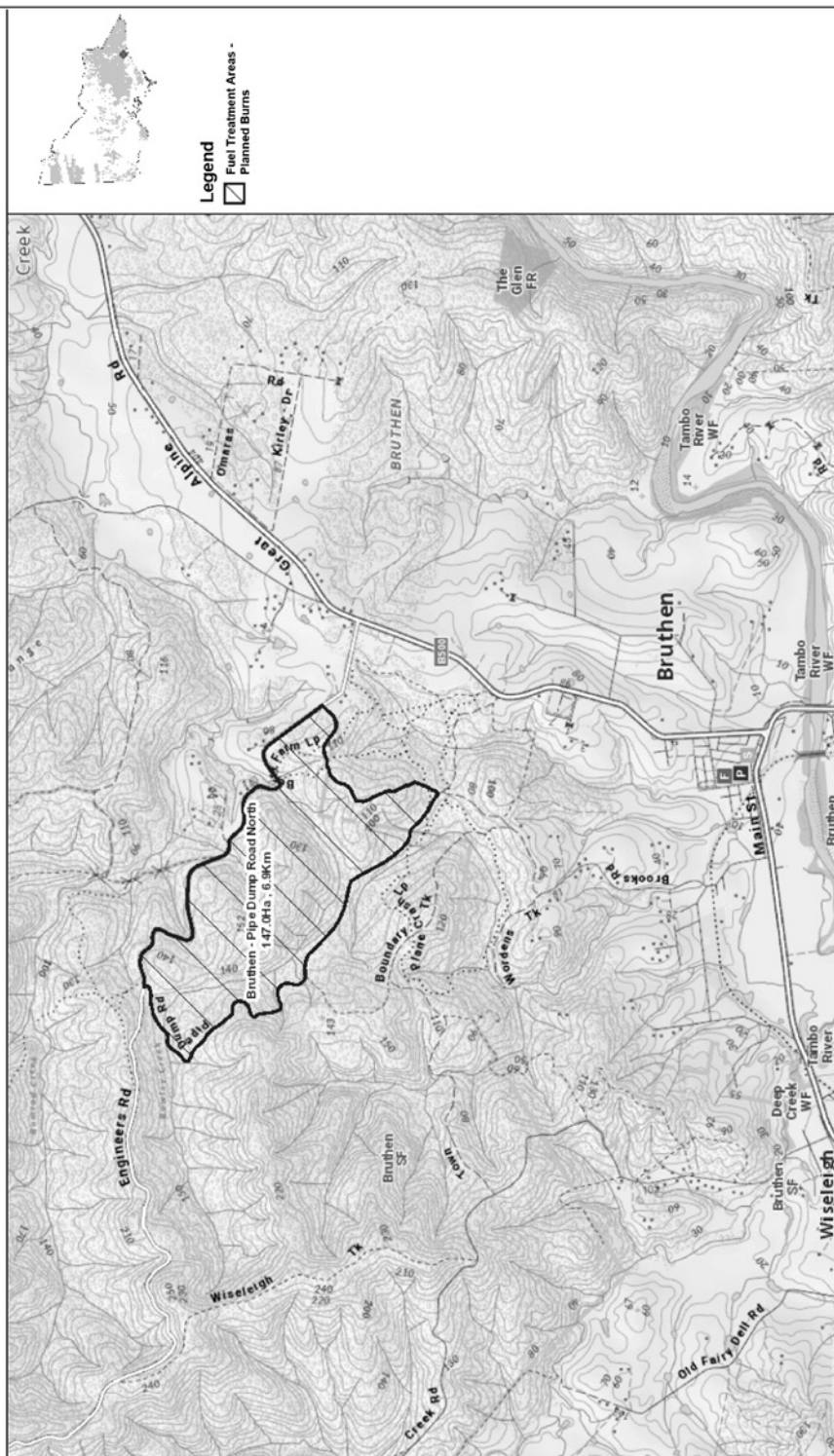
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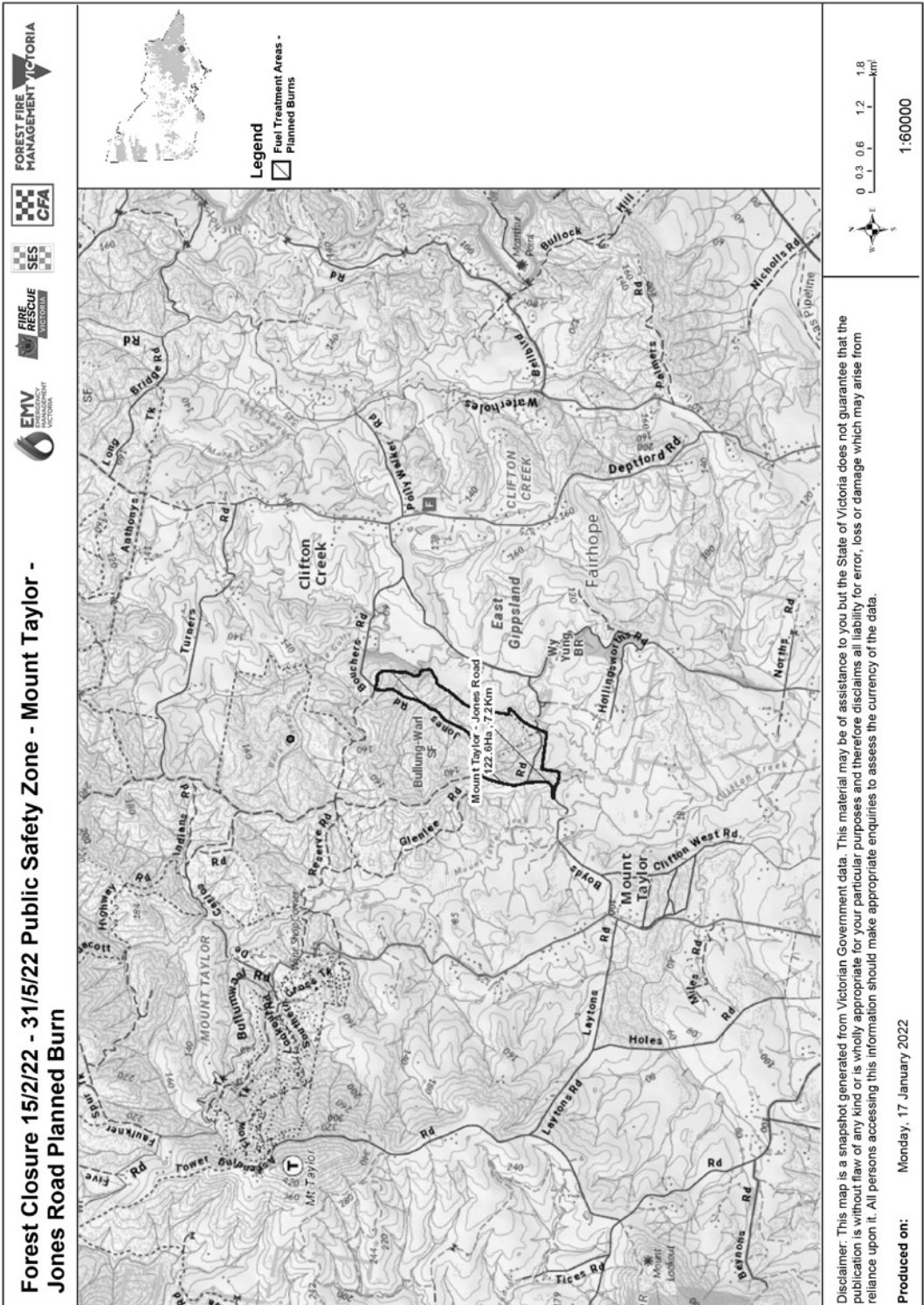


**Forest Closure 15/2/22 - 31/5/22 Public Safety Zone - Bruthen - Pipe
Dump Road North Planned Burn**



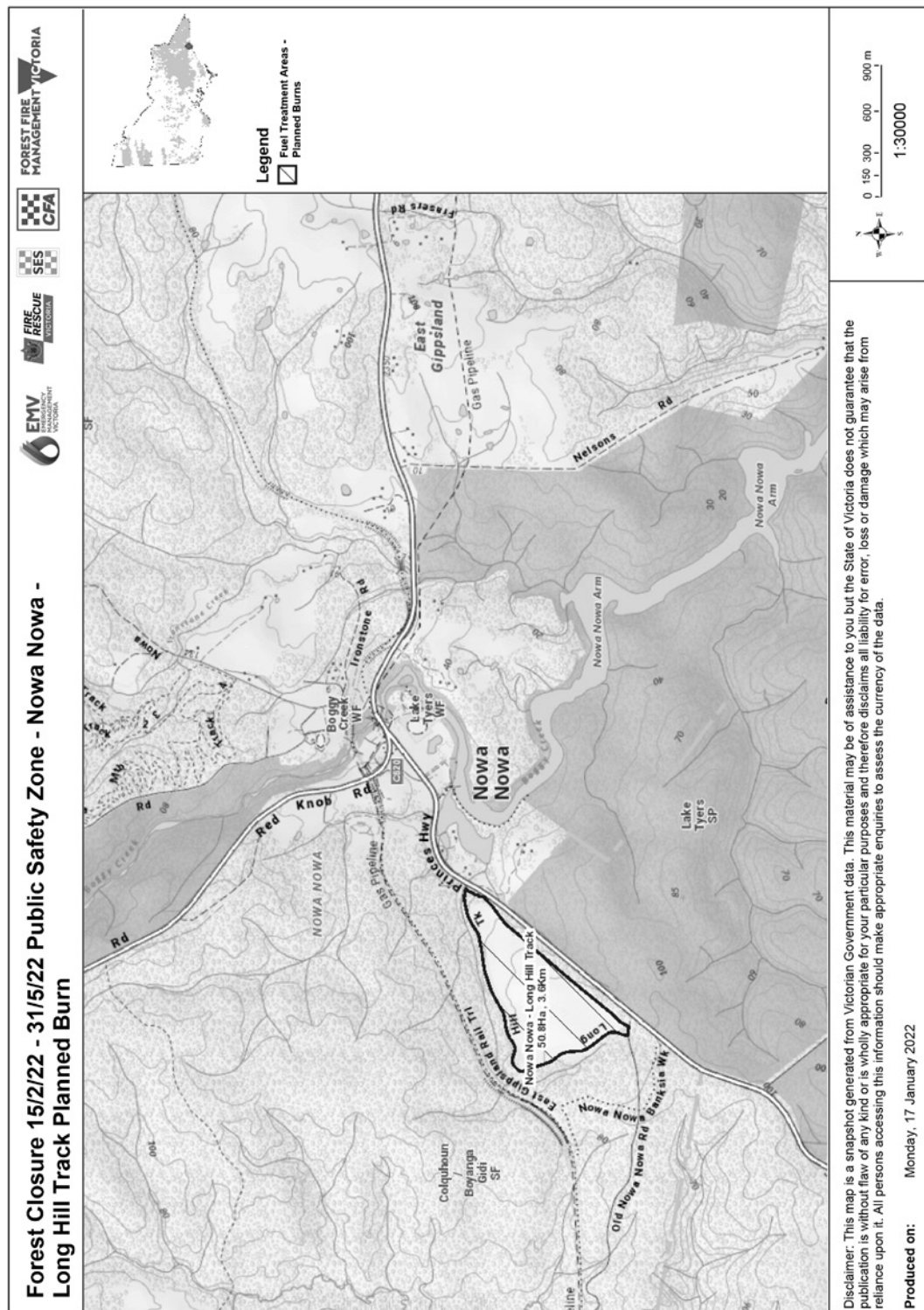
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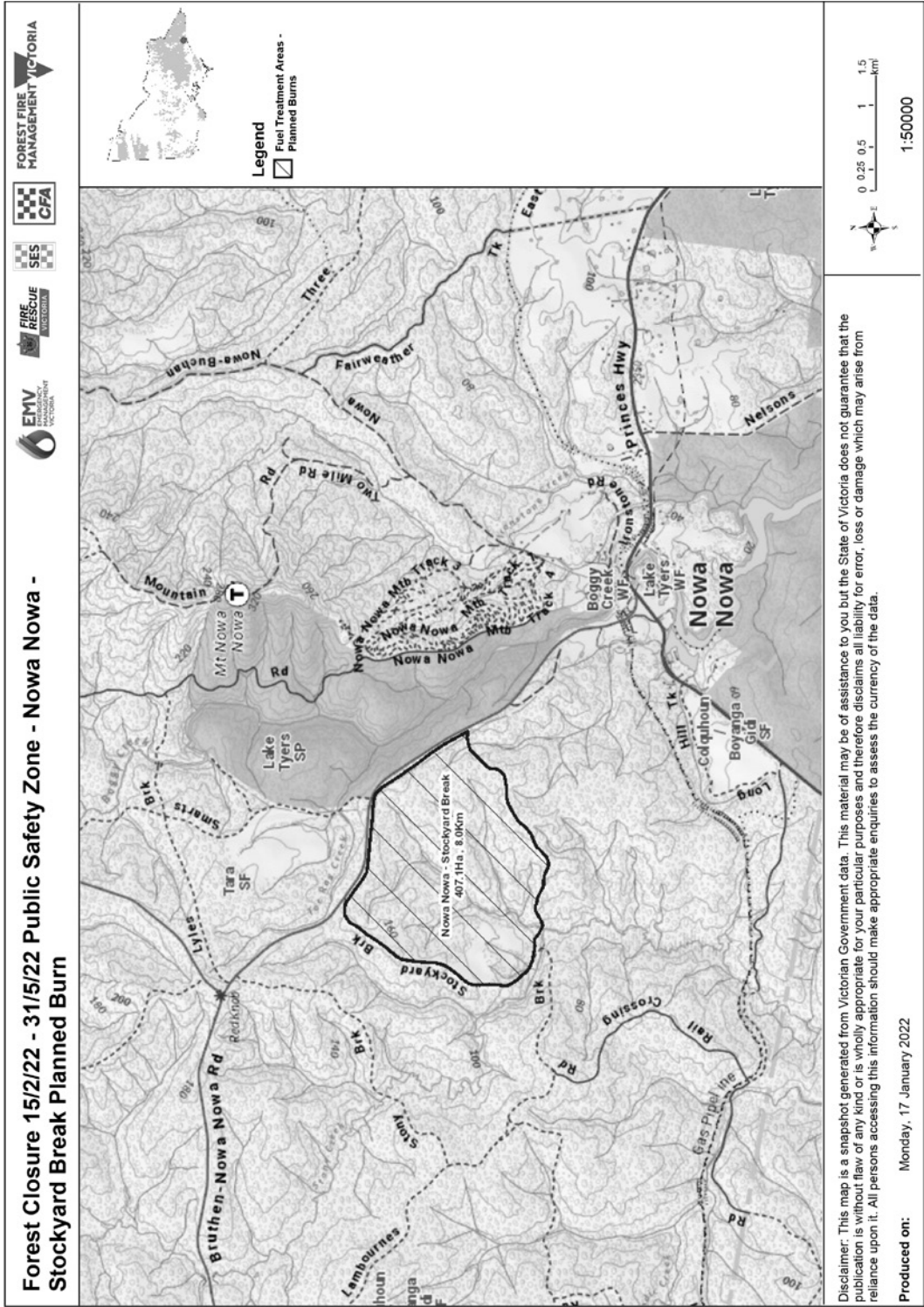


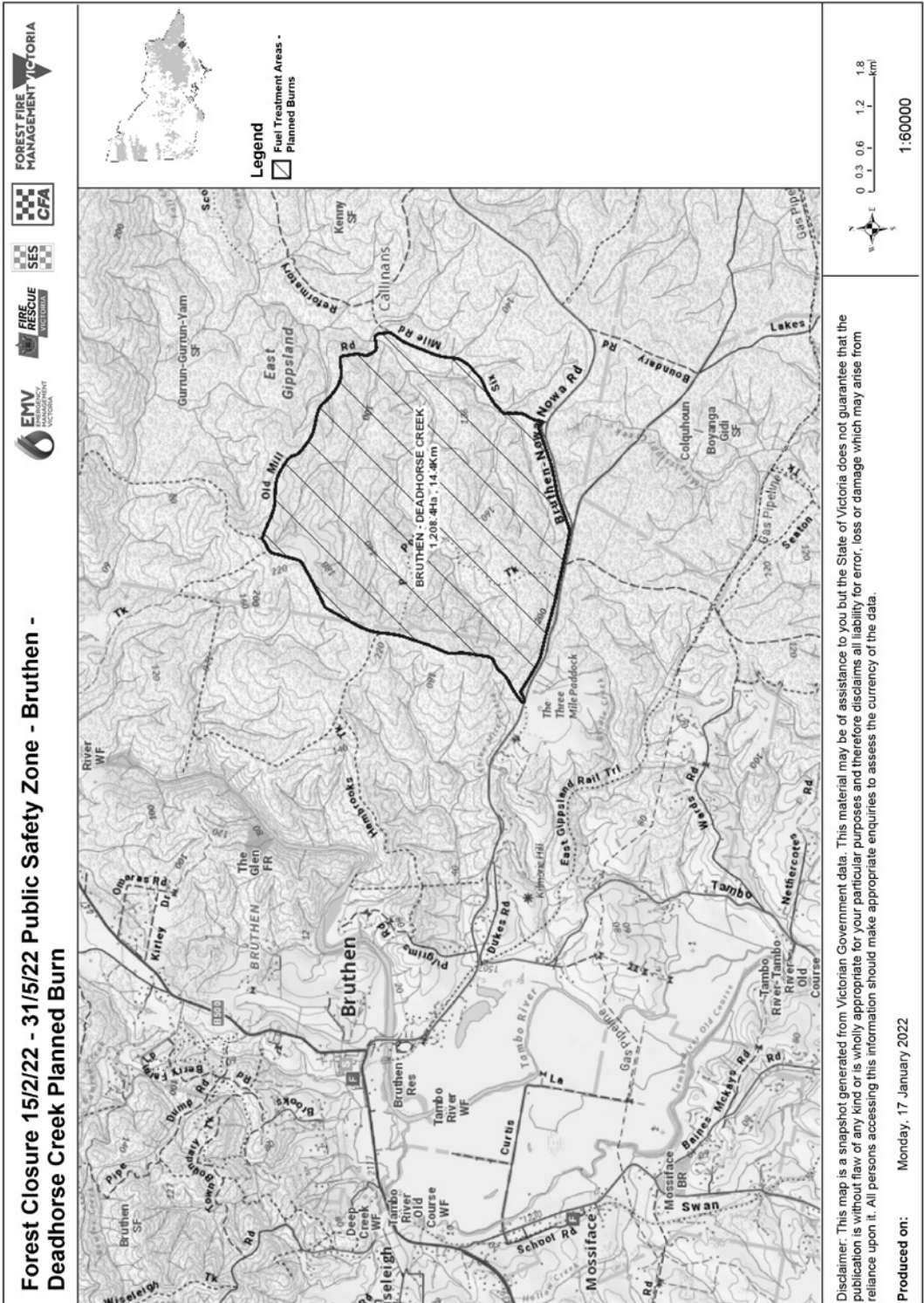
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Pettmans Road East Planned Burn**



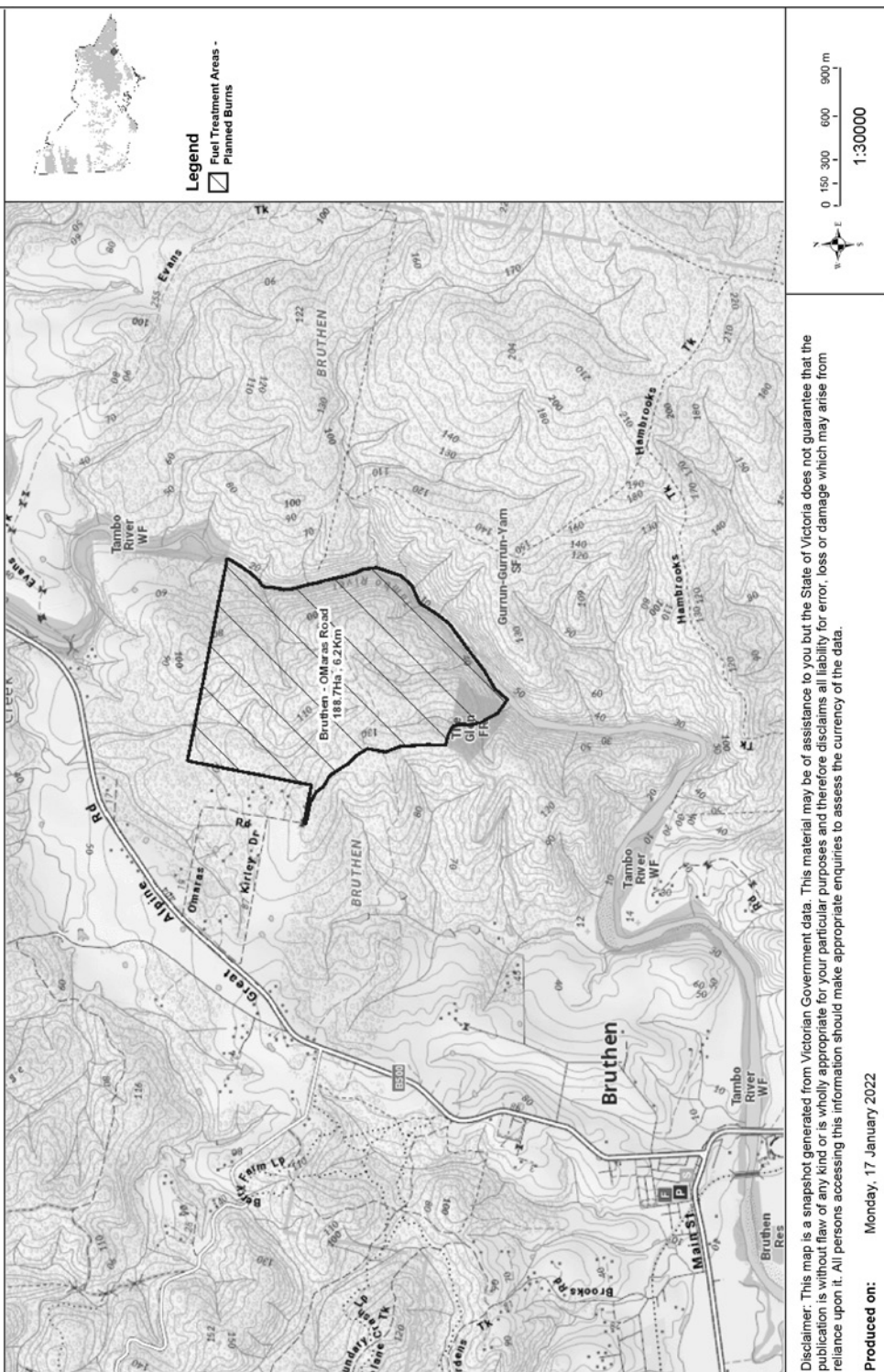
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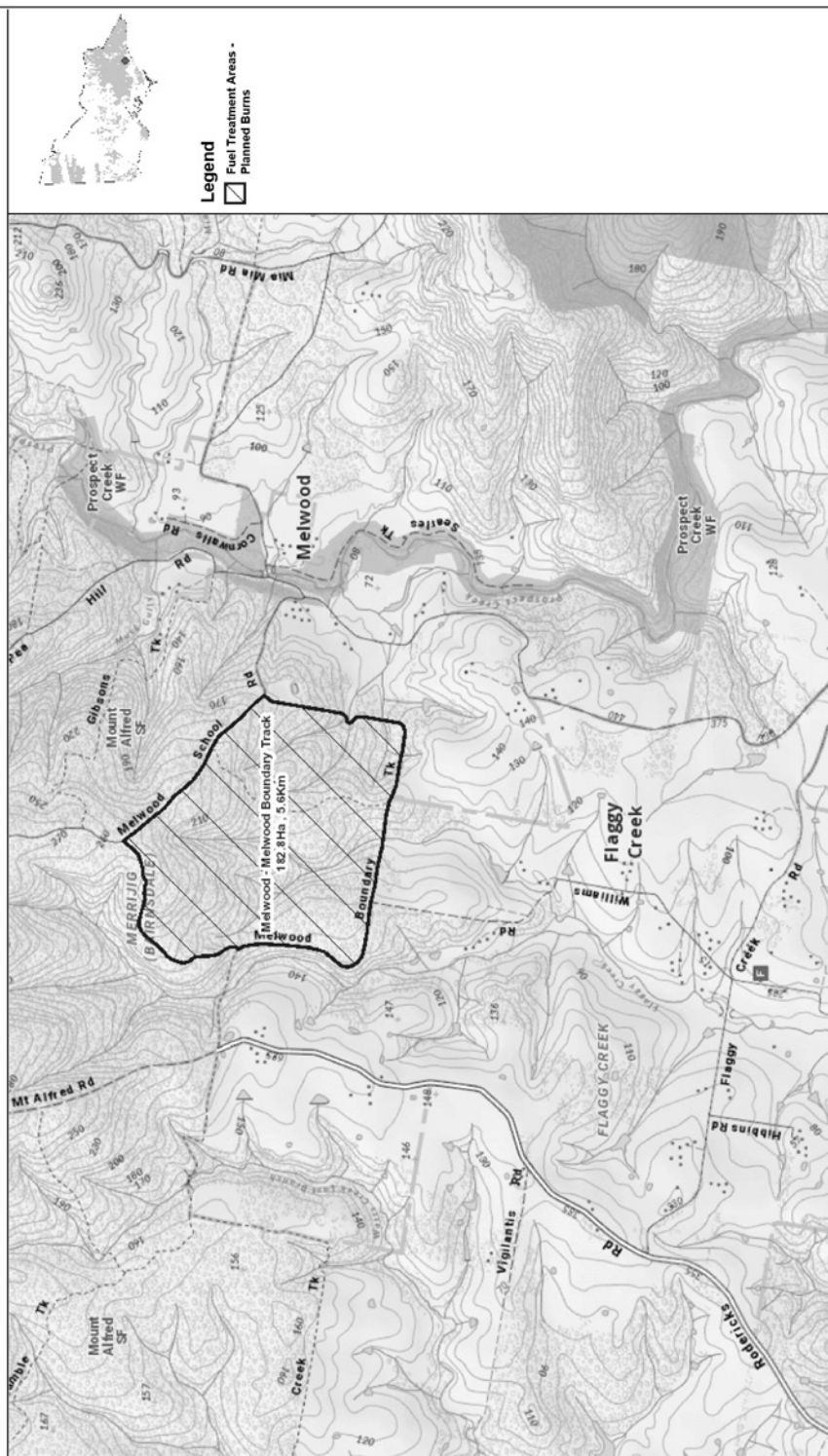




**Forest Closure 15/2/22 - 31/5/22 Public Safety Zone - Bruthen -
OMaras Road Planned Burn**



Forest Closure 15/2/22 - 31/5/22 Public Safety Zone - Melwood - Melwood Boundary Track Planned Burn



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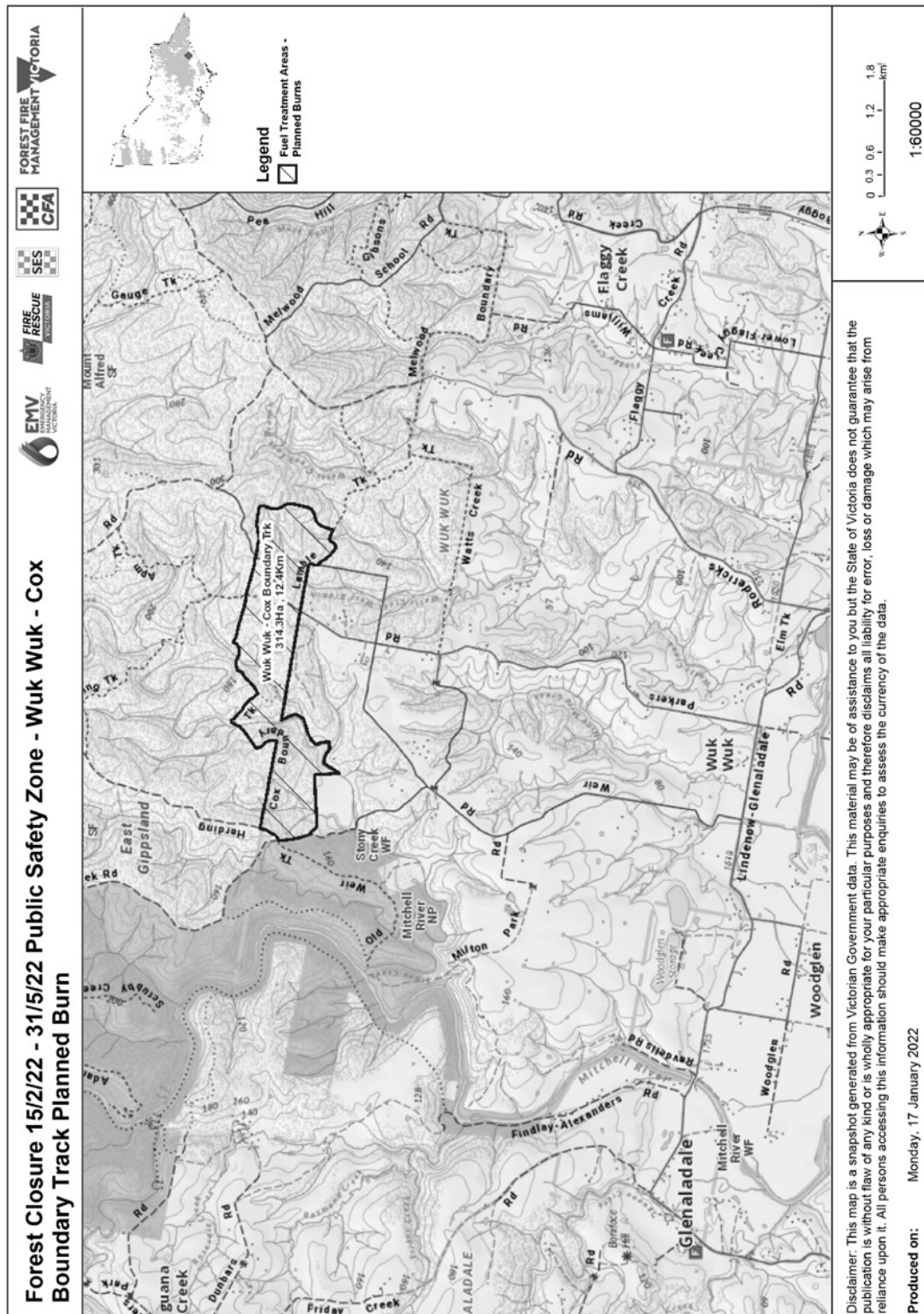


**Forest Closure 15/2/22 - 31/5/22 Public Safety Zone - Mt Alfred -
Wattle Creek Rd Planned Burn**



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