



## **Duck Ponds Fire – Media Release**

### **District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula and City of Port Lincoln**

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula and the City of Port Lincoln recognise that the bushfire which affected properties in the Duckponds and Western Approach areas leading into Port Lincoln on Monday has had a devastating impact on local landowners.

The Councils have combined forces during and after the fire, having a presence at emergency services headquarters and by providing assistance to the CFS through the grading of fire breaks and assistance in the operations of fire bombers at the airport.

4 buildings were completely destroyed with a further 7 properties receiving significant damage to property or vehicles. 37 properties within the fire affected area have escaped damage which is a testament to the good work of emergency services and the preparedness of those homes. At this stage the cause of the fire has not yet been determined.

Now that the fire is transitioning from response to recovery, Local Government will be playing a lead role in the recovery arrangements, however the CFS will continue to monitor and patrol the area. If residents see anything of concern, they should ring 000.

Council Officers will be visiting affected properties to check in with residents and provide information sheets with details on addressing vegetation removal, waste, health and other relevant matters for affected land owners. If people aren't home, the information sheet will be left at the property and will also be made available on Councils websites.

Waste from affected properties can be delivered to the Port Lincoln Transfer Station located on Hassell Road, Port Lincoln. All details of those presenting with fire affected materials will be recorded.

Arrangements should be made with staff at the Hassell Road Transfer Station 24 hours prior to the delivery of any materials containing asbestos (Phone 8682 3860).

The District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula and the City of Port Lincoln have formed a Committee to coordinate efforts and will work together with relevant government agencies to assist the community to recover from this terrible event.

To assist affected landowners, the Councils have appointed a joint Bushfire Liaison Officer who can be contacted on 0412 697 011.

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