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Free publication provides sound advice on building in bushfire-prone areas

Strategies for building in bushfire-prone areas are covered in a topical new publication from Cement Concrete & Aggregates Australia (CCA).

The 12-page *Houses for Bushfire-prone Sites* contains a wealth of practical information for architects, engineers, builders and homeowners, and can be freely downloaded at the CCA website, www.concrete.net.au

The publication looks at bushfire threats and the factors influencing risk, as well as the concrete and masonry structural solutions that address these risks in new dwellings.

It also provides an overview of retrofitting of existing dwellings to increase their resistance to bushfire attack, as well as advice on landscaping in bushfire-prone areas and maintenance and repair after a bushfire.

Houses for Bushfire-prone Sites references the Building Code of Australia (BCA) and AS 3959 Construction of buildings in bush-fire prone areas including Amendments No 1 and 2.

CCA is a not-for-profit organisation whose members are drawn from the \$6 billion a year Australian construction materials industry. It provides information and advice to building and design professionals on a range of concrete construction issues. For more information, visit the CCA website.

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