



# project factsheet

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## Fire Management

The Sugarloaf Pipeline Alliance is committed to full compliance with fire safety policies and procedures.

The Alliance has worked in the region for more than two years. We were here during the 'Black Saturday' bushfires in February 2009. During that devastating period, the Alliance and its staff helped landowners and communities in whatever way we could. We will take every precaution we can to ensure a similar situation does not develop this fire season.

Construction of the Sugarloaf Pipeline is almost complete, however, important works are still to be finished. These will be completed in late 2009 and early 2010.

### 'Hot work' permits

The Alliance has obtained Country Fire Authority (CFA) 'hot works' permits for all works on private land during the fire danger period. These hot works include, but are not limited to grinding, cutting, welding, soldering and slashing.

The Alliance has a Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) permit for all works in the Toolangi State Forest for the entire summer period.

These permits are provided to industry, business and government authorities where works are considered essential and fire risks are able to be managed. The permits are issued after a rigorous review of works and procedures by the CFA and/or DSE.

### Permit conditions

As part of the permit conditions, every morning a minimum of two designated officers thoroughly inspect the proposed hot works area and perform safety checks on all fire management measures. The officers then determine if the permit can be applied to each individual site, in light of the prevailing conditions.

Typical controls required to conform with the permits include:

- water and chemical extinguishers at each hot works site

- a mobile water tanker (1000 litre minimum) fitted with a powered pump, hose and fittings must be on-site and ready for immediate use
- flash-guards
- a minimum of two people on each hot works site, including a designated spotter tasked with fire watching/fighting duties
- routine and random fire inspections by the CFA and Alliance specialists
- spot fire inspections on Alliance sites by safety supervisors, site supervisors and environmental supervisors.

The Alliance brings together considerable experience and expertise in the management of construction projects and environmental issues, including the construction of pipelines along major arterial roads and through environmentally-sensitive areas.

