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Dr Maria Komakova	<p data-bbox="544 230 711 255">Dear Sir/Madam,</p> <p data-bbox="544 280 1374 338">Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft Tasmania Fire and Emergency Service Bill ('the Bill').</p> <p data-bbox="544 362 1385 577">Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA Australia) is Australia's peak industry body for fire safety, which provides information, services, and education to the fire protection sector and the community. FPA Australia has a long represented most of Australia's private fire protection firms and has developed strong working relationships with governments and related stakeholders in the interests of its members and community safety. FPA Australia services to its members include networking opportunities, training, continuing professional development, technical advice, accreditation, and policy advocacy.</p> <p data-bbox="544 607 1385 965">The Association is greatly encouraged to see your government's move to provide for a modern and contemporary legislative framework for fire and emergency services. In particular, the inclusion of accreditation requirements for the preparation of 'Bushfire hazard documents' (s43, s44 and s45) is most welcome. You may be aware that FPA Australia manages a Bushfire Planning and Design (BPAD) accreditation Scheme (the Scheme) in New South Wales, Victoria and Western Australia. The Schemes are run in close collaboration with the relevant jurisdictional land use regulators and fire services and provide for a rigorous process of accreditation, professional development, audit and complaints. You can find more information about it on our website here. FPA Australia would like to see the Scheme extended to Tasmania, or at least a means of mutual recognition invoked. Encouragingly, our review of the proposed legislation seems to indicate that the Bill provides for both, depending upon the nature of subsidiary regulations and supporting policy.</p> <p data-bbox="544 994 1374 1048">FPA Australia would be pleased to engage with your government and relevant agencies when the Bill in its current form becomes law, as we hope it will.</p> <p data-bbox="544 1077 1283 1131">Should you wish to discuss any of the matters raised, please contact Dr Maria Komakova, Manager Bushfire Services .</p> <p data-bbox="544 1173 667 1198">Kind regards</p> <p data-bbox="544 1223 603 1247">Maria</p>