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## Peet confirms bushfire risk reduction measures for new community

Peet Limited – the national property group planning a new 214-homesite Special Rural residential development at Brigadoon – has confirmed its plans to introduce a raft of new prevention and management measures to help reduce the risk of bushfires.

The planned measures include investing nearly \$4 million in an additional bitumised road access route for fire and emergency vehicles and residents, as well as comprehensive long-term fire fuel reduction strategies and permanent works to decrease fire hazard levels for the new community.

Peet Limited Managing Director and CEO, Brendan Gore, said the bushfires at Brigadoon were a reminder that the beautiful bushland setting comes with risks.

“With good planning and vigilance from the whole community, we are planning to reduce the risk of bushfire for new residents and help build awareness across the whole community.

“Peet has had the benefit of a team of specialist consultants, local and state government agencies and community members who had worked together on a package of measures to ensure the risk to residents in case of bushfire was significantly reduced,” he said.

A comprehensive Bushfire Management Plan which exceeds statutory requirements and reduces the official bush fire risk rating for the new community from ‘*extreme*’ to ‘*medium*’ is to be implemented.

Some of the key bushfire management strategies include:

- the construction of an additional bitumised road access route to and from the site (and Brigadoon as a whole), linking the site directly to O’Brien Road.
- implementing a 30 metre Building Protection Zone and 30-metre Hazard Separation Zone around all new homes, reducing the potential fuel close to homes;
- a six metre strategic firebreak around the perimeter of the entire site;
- an internal firebreak for each lot constructed by Peet in line with the City of Swan’s fire safety requirements;
- ensuring that evaporative air conditioners are prohibited;
- other home building requirements and guidelines for new residents to reduce the risk of damage in the event of a fire; and
- ensuring that the number of on-site fire hydrants are double what is typically required in a Special Rural subdivision (100 metre intervals rather than at 200 metre intervals).

Peet’s Brigadoon community will ultimately comprise 214 special-rural bushland lots, ranging in size from 1.5 to 5.05 hectares.

While fire control and management is a high priority for the new community, environmental sustainability and protection is also a key focus.



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The proposed site is located within the Darling Range and is bordered by a number of parks, reserves and conservation areas, which, combined with requirements and guidelines for each new homeowner, will protect and care for Brigadoon's unique native flora and fauna.

Among the measures includes the preservation of around 393 hectares of bushland which is being transferred to the State Government from Peet to be preserved as parks and recreation spaces.

Peet Limited will also soon be calling for Expressions of Interest from community groups at Brigadoon who would like support with their community-building projects. The sponsorship program will particularly target groups involved in safety, environmental, sporting or educational areas.

"We look forward to being able to support the wider Brigadoon community in protecting and enhancing the very special way of life they are able to enjoy," said Mr Gore.

For more information about Peet's proposed Brigadoon community, including bushfire risk management, visit [www.peet.com.au](http://www.peet.com.au).

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