#### 1. Introduction



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Thank you for participating in the Strategic Engineering Risk Assessment (SERA) project for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. The project is being implemented in partnership with the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority(VMIA).

The web survey is used to gather high level risk information related to physical site based risks, specifically bushfire and fire. The survey is broken into three modules with each section expected to take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

Each module is divided into separate pages so that like questions are grouped together. You can print out the survey and your responses via the print function on your web browser. The easiest way to do this is to "print as you go" rather than complete the survey and have to navigate back through each page.

Important: The online survey software allows you to fill out the survey in stages if you wish to come back to it later or research any particular response. Please ensure to finish the page you are on and click the "Next" button at the bottom of the page before exiting. This will ensure that your responses are saved. You can re-enter the survey using the link on the original email.

Many of the questions require responses against a relative scale (e.g. 1-5). Explanatory text is provided for some of questions but the majority should be self explanatory. It is important that you read each question carefully before selecting the most appropriate response. The survey includes the ability to provide additional narrative comments to support your selected responses.

All queries should be directed to **Greg Ritchie** at the VMIA

Yours sincerely

James Kelly

Department of Education & Early Childhood Development

### 2. Survey Structure



#### **Survey Structure**

The survey consists of approximately 78 questions in total, broadly divided into separate risk modules as described below. Each module has a series of sub pages divided into groups of similar questions.

### **Site and Emergency Management:**

The Site and Emergency Management module is used to collect general information about the site in terms of location, size as well as information around "whole of risk" issues such as emergency management.

#### **Bushfire:**

Using elements of the 2009 DEECD bushfire self assessment, this module collects site information relevant to the bushfire exposure with a strong emphasis on managing change and emergency preparedness and response.

#### Fire:

This module looks at the site's vulnerability to an internal fire and assesses the risk in terms of emergency warning and evacuation, fire protection and detection, fire and smoke separation, and related management systems.

Note: The survey is designed to collect risk information related to a single physical, continuous location. Schools/centres with multiple campuses, where the campuses are sufficiently physically separated such that they operate different emergency management plans, will need to complete a survey for each campus. A school campus that is split by a public roadway, for example, is still considered a single location.

In the majority of cases separate invitations will have been sent to each campus via a separate nominated contact.

If you are unsure whether all of your campuses have been invited to complete the survey then contact <u>VMIA via email</u> nominating the campus and address and we will review and respond back accordingly.

# 3. Answering Questions



#### **Answering Questions**

The majority of questions use a rating scale to measure the level of performance and confidence of the respondent. The rating scale is structured as follows:

**Strongly agree** - indicates the highest level of performance and confidence. You should select this response where you can confidently state that you are meeting every aspect of the question across all relevant areas of the site. If your response to the question is a definitive "Yes" then select this rating option.

**Somewhat agree** - indicates a reasonable level of performance and confidence. You should select this response when you have reasonable, but not total confidence that you are meeting all aspects of the question across the site.

**Neither agree nor disagree** - indicates a neutral level of performance and confidence. Respondents would typically select this response where there is still some improvement in either function or area covered (depending on the nature of the question) to get the highest level.

**Somewhat disagree** - indicates a relatively low level of performance or confidence. Respondents would typically select this response where there was substantial improvement required to get to the highest level.

**Strongly disagree** - indicates the lowest possible level of performance or confidence. Respondents would typically select this response in the absence of a particular procedure/practice or physical asset. If your response to the question is a definitive "No" then select this rating option.

**Don't know** - Respondents should select this option when the information is is not available and any response would be a guess at best

# 4. Site and Emergency Management



# **Site and Emergency Management**

The Site and Emergency Management module is used to collect general information about the site in terms of location, size and occupants. The survey also collects information around "whole of risk" issues such as emergency management.

It is essential to refer to your site Emergency Management Plan in entering your responses

Please read each question and accompanying help text carefully before selecting the most appropriate response.

# 5. Site and Emergency Management - site characteristics



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1. Please enter the following:
The remaining survey responses should only relate to the single site or campus nominated in this
question response.
School/Centre/Campus Name:
Your Name and Position
Address
City/Town:
Email Address:
Phone Number:
2. If your organisation shares the site with another school or child care centre, please
provide details below (otherwise leave blank)
School/centre name 1
School/centre name 2
School/centre name 3
3. How many stand alone buildings are there on site?
j₁∩ Between 1 - 5 Buildings
j⊓ Between 6 - 10 Buildings
j <sub>∩</sub> Greater than 10 Buildings
Comment (if any)
4. What is the highest number of building levels including basements?
jr∩ 1 Level
j <sub>∩</sub> 2 Levels
j <sub>∩</sub> 3 Levels
j <sub>∵</sub> 4 or Greater
Comment (if any)

b. Select the most ap	propriate description of the ne	eighbouring properties
jn Residential	jn Heavy industrial	jn Agricultural
jn Light industrial	j∵∩ Rail line or Freeway	jn Parkland/National Park
Comment (if any)		
Site and Emergenc	y Management - Occupan	ts
	nent of Education and ildhood Development	
6. What is the averag	e number of people on site at a	any time during normal operatin
jn 0	j <sub>∩</sub> 10 - 100	j⁻∩ Over 500
j <sub>n</sub> 1-10	j∵∩ 100 - 500	
Comment (if any)		
7. What is the peak no	umber of people on site during	g special events (eg. fetes or
in 0	†∩ 10 - 100	n Over 500
jn 1-10	j∩ 100 - 500	,
Comment (if any)	J	
8. What is the averag	e number of overnight sleepin	g accommodation numbers (e.g
boarders and staff)?		-
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jn 1-10 People	j∵∩ 100-500 People	
Comment (if any)		

			Neither			
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We have a risk assessment process around major site changes (e.g. facility nodifications, new construction, major procurements, changes to activities or the introduction of new equipment)	<b>j</b> n	ja	j'n	j'n	ja	j
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	13. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer
	(Answer Agree/Strongly Agree if you have a hand operated alarm or siren with

documented procedures around its use)	•	
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There is an emergency warning system that reaches all occupied areas of the site.	ja ja ja ja ja	
Comment (if any)		
14. We have a designated on site internal (e.g Buildi	ing or Shelter) safer place for use	•
as an emergency assembly point	<b>99</b>	
jn Yes		
j <sub>∵</sub> No		
15. We have a designated on site external (e.g Clear use as an emergency assembly point	ring or sports oval) safer place for	r
j∕∩ Yes		
jn No		
16. We have a designated off site safer place for use point	e as an emergency assembly	
j <sub>∵</sub> ∩ Yes		
jn No		
17. The safer places have capacity for peak number visitors/contractors and staff)	s of people (i.e. children/students	\$,
j∕∩ Yes		
jn No		
Comment (if any)		
18. The safer places have appropriate water, sanitat fire blankets, communication equipment)	ion, first aid and equipment (e.g.	
jn Yes		
jn No		
Comment (if any)		

19. The predominant construction of our on-site internal safer place assembly point is? Roofs
jn Clay/concrete tiles
jn Steel sheet
j <sub>n</sub> Masonry
j <sub>n</sub> Timber
jn Other
j⁻∩ Not applicable
Comment (if any)
20. The predominant construction of our on-site internal safer place assembly point is? Walls
in Concrete
jn Steel sheet
j <sub>'fl</sub> Masonry
jn Timber
jn Other
j <sup>™</sup> Not applicable
Comment (if any)
21. The predominant type of window of our on-site internal safer place assembly
point is?
jn Standard glass
jn Fire protected (e.g window shutters)
Comment (if any)

Refer to the following question. The picture below is an example of an underfloor area that is not adequately sealed as the mesh aperture exceeds 2mm.



22. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer...

Note: Refer to the question text - sealed means the following:

- All joints in the external surface material of walls are covered, sealed , overlapped or butt jointed to prevent gaps greater than 3mm
- All vents, gaps and weepholes are screened with a metal mesh with a maximum aperture of no greater than 2mm.

	0,	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewha Agree	tStrongly Agree	
The on-site internal safer place assembly point has under floor space which is completely sealed externally.	jα			<b>j</b> m	ja	ja
Comment (if any)						

23. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer...

**Note: Sealed means the following:** 

- The roof/wall junction shall have openings no greater than 3 mm
- Roof penetrations, including roof lights, roof ventilators, roof mounted evaporative cooling units, vent pipes and supports for solar collectors, are sealed at the roof to prevent gaps of greater than 3mm. The material used to seal any penetration gaps (e.g pipes through the roof) should be non-combustible.
- Openings in vented roof lights, roof ventilators or vent pipes shall be fitted with ember guards made from mesh or perforated metal sheet with a maximum aperture of 2mm.

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We are confident in our ability to safely evacuate everyone off site if a decision is made to leave. We have established egress routes (with backups) and we know how we will transport everyone.	<b>j</b> to	<b>j</b> to	ja	<b>j</b> to	jn	jn
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Evacuation notices are clearly displayed near doorways in all occupied buildings and in any other areas across the site	jn	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> tn	jn	j'n	ja
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Our Emergency Management Plan deals appropriately with children/students and staff who may be on excursions or undertaking offsite activities (including the actior required, persons responsible, communication and evacuation plans for children/students and staff offsite during an emergency)	jn ns	j'n	<b>j</b> n	j'n	jn	ja
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Our Emergency Management Plan is regularly maintained and updated (e.g. the Emergency Management Plan has been reviewed and appropriately updated in last 3 months)	[9]	j	n j	n ja	n jkn	j
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child/student and first-aid trained staff)						
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10. Bushfire - External Exposure



# 38. Our site is located within a CFA identified high risk bushfire location

Com	ment (if any)
jn	Don't Know
jm	No
jm	Yes

Refer to the following vegetation classifications in answering the next question.



#### Forests

Open tree canopy dominated by eucalypt species (typically >10m in height) with crowns that touch or overlap. Canopy allows most sunlight to penetrate supporting growth of a prominent understorey layer varying between hard-leaved shrubs to luxuriant soft leaved shrubs, ferns and herbs.

#### Woodlands

Dominated by an open to sparse layer of eucalypts with the crowns rarely touching. Typically 15-35m high (may be shorter at sub-alpine altitudes). Diverse ground cover of grasses and herbs. Shrubs are sparsely distributed. Usually found on flat to undulating ground.

### Tall Heaths (Scrub)

Shrubby vegetation greater than 2 metres tall. Principal plant species include banksias, spider flowers, wattles, legumes, eucalypts, teatrees, paper barks, she oaks, grass trees, cord rushes and sedges. Grasses are scarce. Not found in arid and semi arid locations. Includes Hawkesbury Sandstone vegetation with scattered overstorey trees and predominantly healthy understorey and coastal heath. May include some mallee eucalypts in coastal locations.

### Short Heath (Open Shrub)

Shrubby vegetation less than 2 metres in height. Often more open in canopy. Principal plant species include banksias, spider flowers, wattles, legumes, eucalypts, tea-trees, paper barks, she oaks, grass trees, cord rushes and sedges. Grasses are scarce. Not found in and and semi arid locations.

#### Rainforests

Closed and continuous complex tree canopy composed of relatively soft, horizontally-held leaves. Generally lacking in eucalypts. Understorey typically includes ferns and herbs. Vines often present in canopy or understorey. Occur mainly in areas that are reliably moist, mostly free of fire and have soils of moderate to high fertility. Typically coastal and escarpment locations.

#### Grasslands

Dominated by perennial grasses and the presence of broad-leaved herbs on flat topography. Lack of woody plants. Plants include grasses, daisies, legumes, geraniums, saltbushes and copperburns.

# Managed Land

Non-vegetated or reduced vegetation areas such as: actively grazed pastures, maintained urban yards, maintained lawns, crops, orchards, vineyards, commercial nurseries, playing fields, golf course fairways, cleared parks, non-vegetated areas, formed roads and footpaths including cleared verges, waterways, etc.

Photos supplied by Hotspots Fire Project

\* 39. Refer to the vegetation examples above. What is the most prominent vegetation class around your site?

Note: Prominent implies depth of vegetation. For example a small band of tall trees surrounded by grassland would have a prominent vegetation class of "Grasslands"

The vegetation described is listed in order of decreasing risk (e.g Highest = Forests, Lowest = Managed land.

Where a mix of vegetation exists, select the type that represents the highest risk.

jm	Forests
jm	Woodlands
jn	Tall heaths
jn	Short heath
jn	Rainforests
jn	Grasslands
jn	Managed Land
jn	None (urban environment)
Com	ment (if any)

\* 40. What is the shortest distance in metres between buildings on this site and the most prominent vegetation class?

Note: The intent of the question is to determine the potential life safety risk to the site occupants. When considering the distances to buildings, discount any outlying, unoccupied buildings if it affects the answer to the question.

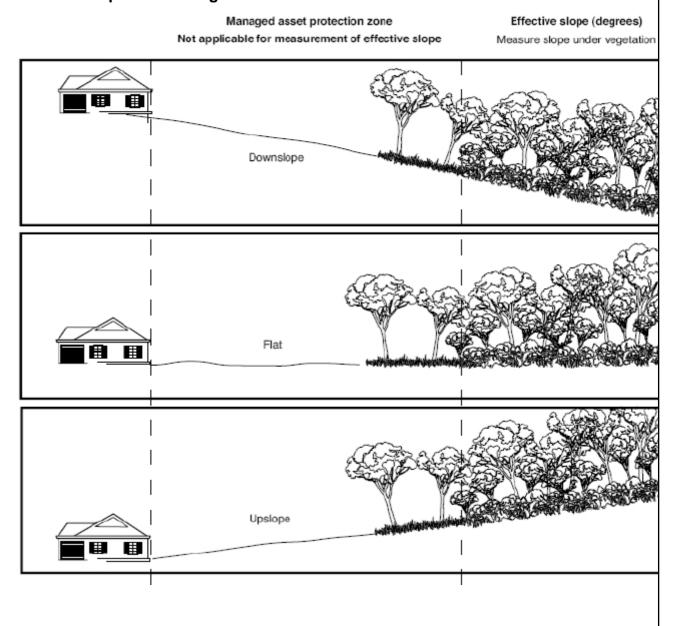
j: 0-100m	
jn 100m+	
Comment (if any)	

# 11. Bushfire - External Exposure (cont.)

\* 41. Your response to the previous question indicates that your site may have an elevated bushfire exposure.

Please indicate the exact, shortest distance (whole number in metres) between buildings on this site and the most prominent vegetation class?

Use the guide below to answer the following question in relation to effective slope of land under the prominent vegetation.



\* 42. Refer to the diagram above. What is the steepest downhill slope from buildings on this site to the most prominent vegetation class?

Note: Similar to the last question when considering the slope from buildings to the most prominent vegetation, discount any outlying, unoccupied buildings if it affects the answer to the question.

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jn Flat or uphill slope

jn 0 - 4° downhill slope

jn 5 - 9° downhill slope

jn 10 - 14° downhill slope

jn 15° + downhill slope

Comment (if any)
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### 12. Bushfire - Travel to and from



43. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer...

Use the scale to indicate the approximate percentages of children that travel through areas of high bushfire risk on their journey to school/centre.

e.g. All = Strongly Agree, None = Strongly Disagree

			Neither			
	Strongly	Somewhat	Agree	Somewha	tStrongly	Not
	Disagree	Disagree	Nor	Agree	Agree a	pplicable
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Some or all of our children/students travel through areas of high bushfire risk on their journey to school/centre	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Comment (if any)						

44. Please provide		= =		a		
Malk/rida hills	zero to 10%	11-20%	21-30%	31-40%	41-50%	
Walk/ride bike	jm	jΩ	jn	jm	ja	jn
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Public Transport	<b>j</b> m	jn	jn	<b>j</b> a	<b>j</b> m	jn
School bus	jm	jn	jn	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> m	<b>j</b> m
DEECD coordinated transport service (bus or taxi)	<b>j</b> a	<b>j</b> n	ja	j'n	<b>j</b> m	<b>j</b> n
45. Please select o	ne of the fo	ollowing tha	at best des	cribes your a	nswer	
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Ve carry out an assessment of bushfire risk on all capital works or maintenance work kely to impact the risk	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> m	j <sub>i</sub> n	ja	jn	j
Comment (if any)						
9. Please select one of the following that best desc	ribes y	our an	swer Neither			
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We have an active maintenance program to remove materials around the site that could be easily ignited (including cutting back of vegetation and grass, removal of combustible debris and rubbish, gutter cleaning, storage of wheelie bins in a secure area and lids shut)	ja	<b>j</b> to	ja	<b>j</b> tn	<b>j</b> tn	j
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Our site has good access for large vehicles such as trucks and buses to all important treas during an emergency including the ability for those vehicles to turn around or treas from another point (e.g. buses, fire trucks, other emergency vehicles)	NI NI	<b>j</b> m	Disagree J'∩	jtn .	jm	ķ
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Department of Education and Early Childhood Development						
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VICTORIA Early Childhood Development	Strongly	Somewhat Disagree	Neither	Somewha Agree	atStrongly Agree	
VICTORIA Early Childhood Development	Strongly	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor	Somewha Agree		
The (Bushfire) Emergency Management Plan includes formal preparatory	Strongly: Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewha Agree		

#### **DEECD Risk Assessment Survey Full** 52. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Strongly Somewhat Agree Somewhat Strongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Agree Know Disagree We have adequate monitoring and communication equipment to enable us to track bushfire activity Comment (if any) 53. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Strongly Somewhat Agree SomewhatStrongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Agree Know Disagree Our staff know how and when to use the fire protection equipment (e.g. extinguishers, hose reels) and communication equipment (e.g. Emergency Warning Intercom System) Comment (if any)

#### 15. Fire Module



#### **Fire Module**

This module collects site information relevant to the internal and external fire exposure. In completing the survey you may find it useful to refer to the following documentation:

- Emergency Management Plan
- Bushfire Emergency Management Plan (where applicable)
- Annual Essential Safety Measures Report (where applicable

Please read each question carefully before selecting the most appropriate response.

# 16. Fire - Internal and External Exposure



54. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our an	swer						
_	Neither								
	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor Disagree	Somewha Agree	atStrongly Agree				
Our site includes hazardous operations that, if not properly managed represent a nigh fire risk danger to site occupants or assets (e.g. flammable liquid or gas dispensing or handling)	<b>j</b> ta	jn	jn	jn	jn	je			
Comment (if any)									
55. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our an	<b>SWE</b> Neither						
	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree		Somewha Agree	atStrongly Agree	•			
Our site is exposed to neighbouring properties that represent a high fire risk danger (e.g. chemical plant, warehousing, heavily vegetated property	<b>j</b> n	jn	ja	ja	јm	j			
Comment (if any)									
56. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our an	swer	·					
	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewha Agree	atStrongly Agree				
We have had a significant fire incident (i.e. single large incident or frequent small ncidents) at our site in recent memory (e.g. Last ten years)  Comment (if any)	jα	ja	ja	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> a	jo			
57. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our an	swer	·					
	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewha Agree	atStrongly Agree				
Our buildings are frequently damaged by graffiti or vandalism and/or we have requent incidents of trespassing	<b>j</b> to	jn	ja		jn	je			
Comment (if any)									
Fire - Protection and Detection									

	•		Neither			
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Our fire hydrant system provides adequate coverage for all areas of the site	jn	<b>j</b> ta	jto	<b>j</b> to	ja	ja
Comment (if any)						
59. Please select one of the following that best desc	ribes y	our an				
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Our fire protection water supply is regularly tested for flow and pressure and we know hat it is adequate for our highest potential fire demand	v ja	ja	jn	ja	ja	ja
Comment (if any)						
60. Please select one of the following that best desc	ribes	our an	swer			
		Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	atStrongly Agree	
Our site is provided with adequate levels of manual fire protection equipment (e.g. Hand held extinguishers, hose reels, fire blankets) designed for the occupancy and related hazards	<b>j</b> a	ja	j <sub>o</sub>	j'n	jn	ja
Comment (if any)						
61. Please select one of the following that best desc	riboe v	our an	ewor			
or. Flease select one of the following that best desc	i ines i	your an	Neither			
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Our buildings are fitted with automatic fire detection connected to a main fire pane and providing total building coverage	l ja	jα	<u>j</u> m	j'n	j'n	<b>j</b> to
Comment (if any)						
62. Please select one of the following that best desc	ribes y	our an				
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	jn	jn	jn	jm	ja	jn
The main fire alarm panel is connected through to a constantly attended location e.g. CFA, ADT) which has clear procedures around contacting site personnel and external authorities upon receipt of an alarm						

	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	atStrongly Agree	
All fire protection systems and equipment are tested on a regular basis consistent with recognised Standards, regulations or best practise	ja	jn	jn	jn	jn	ja
Comment (if any)						
64. Please select one of the following that best des	cribes y	our an	swer			
			Neither			
	Strongly S Disagree	Disagree	Agree Nor Disagree	Agree	atStrongly Agree	
All fixed and manual fire protection equipment is provided with clearly displayed operating instructions	jn	jn	ja	ja	jn	j
Comment (if any)						
55. Please select one of the following that best des	cribes v	our an	swer			
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The site perimeter is well protected by high walls and/or fences and lockable gate	s ja	jn	jm	jn	jn	je
Comment (if any)						
66. Please select one of the following that best des	cribes y	our an	swer	•••		
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We have adequate lighting to all areas of access/egress, parking and any other service or activities designed to have a deterrent effect on potential intruders and enhance the potential of intruder detection	jm	ja	ja	<b>j</b> n	ja	jņ
Comment (if any)						
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jn No						
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#### **DEECD Risk Assessment Survey Full** Department of Education and Early Childhood Development 68. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Strongly Somewhat Agree Somewhat Strongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Agree Know Disagree Our IT backups are kept off site or in a fire proof safe specifically rated for electronic data Comment (if any) 69. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Neither Strongly Somewhat Agree Somewhat Strongly Don't Nor Disagree Disagree Agree Know Agree Disagree Our internal and external housekeeping policies and procedures ensure that all ja areas are tidy and that there is no unnecessary build-up of combustible materials within or around the buildings Comment (if any) 70. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Strongly Somewhat Agree SomewhatStrongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Know Agree Disagree We conduct regular thermographic scanning of our electrical switchboards Comment (if any) 71. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Neither Strongly Somewhat Agree Somewhat Strongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Agree Know Disagree We have a formal permit system in place to manage hot work (e.g. Welding, cutting, ķ brazing) Comment (if any) 72. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer... Neither Strongly Somewhat Agree SomewhatStrongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Know Disagree We have a formal permit system in place to manage impairments to any fire jo. protection or detection equipment Comment (if any)

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Il contractors are subject to an induction prior to commencing work on site that cludes fire safety and their related obligations	jm	jn	Ja	ja	<b>j</b> n	j.
comment (if any)						
4. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our ar	<b>ISWE</b>			
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/e safely store all flammable materials including bulk fuels, paints, solvents etc, nd meet all related legislative safety compliance	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> to	Jm	<b>j</b> m	Jm	j
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5. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our ar				
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Il hazardous operations involving flammable liquids or gases are provided with ppropriate levels of protection and procedural controls	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> n	j'n	ja	j'n	j
Comment (if any)						
6. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our ar		•••		
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Il designated building emergency exits and paths of egress are kept continuously ear of obstructions	jm	<b>j</b> to	jn	ja	jn	j
Comment (if any)						
7. Please select one of the following that best desc	cribes y	our ar	<b>ISWE</b>			
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Il of our emergency exit doors open outwards	<b>j</b> n	<b>j</b> m	ja	jn	<b>j</b> n	j
Comment (if any)						



#### 78. Please select one of the following that best describes your answer...

Strongly Somewhat Agree SomewhatStrongly Don't Disagree Disagree Nor Agree Know Agree Disagree Our Emergency Management Plan includes post incident procedures including

### 20. Final Submission

Comment (if any)



preservation of a crime scene, incident recording and staff debriefing

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