



# Land & Fire Assessments Pty Ltd

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## Company Profile - Bushfire Planning & Design Expertise

Land & Fire Assessments Pty Ltd (LFA) specialises in **Bushfire Risk Assessment, Planning, Design & Compliance**. LFA expertise in this field is outlined as follows:



### Qualifications & Accreditation

LFA Managing Partner Paola Rickard holds a **Graduate Diploma in Design for Bush Fire Prone Areas with Distinction** from the University of Western Sydney and is a **Bushfire Planning and Design (BPAD) – Level 3 Accredited Practitioner**.

The **Fire Protection Association Australia (FPA)** has in place the **Bushfire Planning and Design Accreditation Scheme (BPAD)**, which is recognised by the **NSW Rural Fires Services (RFS)**. Paola Rickard is a **BPAD - Level 3 Accredited Practitioner** (Accreditation no. BPAD21855) and is listed on the FPA Australia web site register.

The **Level 3 - Bushfire Planning Practitioner (Performance)**, which is the highest accreditation level, recognises practitioners who develop planning, development and building applications by developing alternative design solutions to the prescribed bushfire management measures (excluding construction provisions) in accordance with local regulatory requirements and in additions to the activities performed by the lower accreditations levels.

### High Quality Expertise

Paola has extensive experience in the compilation of bushfire risk assessments, which she has been undertaking since 2003. These include bushfire assessments (*both deemed to satisfy and alternate or performance based solution*) for **infill development** (eg. single dwellings) as per s.79BA of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act); and assessments required for **subdivision or Special Fire Protection Purposes developments**, which are undertaken under s.100B of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*.

LFA can also provide **BAL (Bushfire Attack Level) Risk Assessment Certificates, Bushfire Compliance Certificates and Village Protection Plans**.

When infill development complies with the acceptable solutions, Paola, as a BPAD accredited consultant recognised by the NSW Rural Fire Service, can provide conformance certificate stating that the development conforms to the relevant specifications and requirements.



LFA has also assisted Ballina Shire Council to develop a set of bushfire-protection assessment guidelines and associated conditions for events occurring on public land, which can be applied by event applicants, to ensure adequate bushfire protection measures are implemented for such events when they occur on bushfire prone land.

### Industry Membership and Networks

LFA is a bronze corporate member of FPA. Paola is a **participating member of the FPA Australia Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) /20 Bushfire Safety**. The TAC provides a nationally focused forum for discussion between practitioners, fire services and regulators on the design and construction of property in areas prone to bushfires



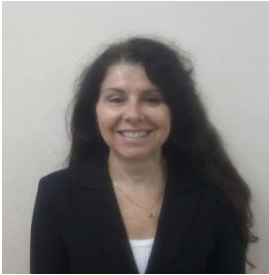


Paola has also been appointed as a **BPAD member to the NSW Bushfire Working Group (NSWBWG)** set up by FPA Australia. The NSWBWG provide a forum to discuss the application, interpretation and periodic review of NSW Government-based bushfire related regulatory requirements governing land use planning and building construction in areas subject to bushfire impact. **As**

**a member of the TAC/20 & the NSWBWG, LFA has direct access to resources and bushfire professionals' expertise including other PBAD practitioners and senior RFS staff.**

### Staff Profile and Contact Details

#### Paola Rickard



**Senior Environmental Planner/Project Manager**

*Bachelor of Applied Science, Major: Environmental Resource Management (Dist.)*

*Graduate Diploma in Design for Bush Fire Prone Areas with Distinction*

*Accredited Bushfire Practitioner BPAD-Level 3*

**Managing Partner - Land & Fire Assessments Pty Ltd - since 2012**

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Paola has had over twenty (20) years of experience in the environmental resource management and assessment industry, specialising in Environmental Planning (environmental legislation), Environmental Impact Assessment and Management, **Bushfire Threat Assessment and Bushfire Prone Areas Design**, compilations of REFs, landuse/property management planning, ecosystem management and restoration, bush regeneration and vegetation assessment. Paola has extensive experience in overall project management and coordination of the various components of project implementation, client liaison and consultation with State and Local government agencies, and conducting peer reviews and preparing tenders. Paola has worked as a Project Manager (PM) at ASPECT *north*, LandPartners Limited and EAL Consulting Services managing large and complex multi-disciplinary projects. Her work experience in the region, organisation and team management skills ensure that the projects she manages are delivered to fulfil client expectations. PM responsibilities include budget compliance, client liaison, project team management, quality assurance and peer review.

#### Tony Coyle



**Environmental Scientist/Ecologist**

*Bachelor of Applied Science, Major: Environmental Resource Management*

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Tony has had over fourteen (14) years of experience in the environmental resource management and assessment industry, specialising in ecology, protected area management, ecosystem management and restoration, and contaminated land assessment. In recent years, Tony has completed numerous assessments and Review of Environmental Factors (REFs) addressing potential impacts associated with the change of landuse, and the upgrade or repair of infrastructure such as roads and powerlines. He has also undertaken a wide variety of contaminated land assessments for domestic, commercial and government clients. Previous and current clients include Roads and Maritime Services (previously Roads and Traffic Authority), Essential Energy, Richmond Valley Council, Tenterfield Shire Council, Lismore City Council, Southern Cross University, Lismore and South Ballina Sand Quarry.

