



Biodiversity Threshold				
Class ID	Vegetation Communities	Minimum Fire Interval	Maximum Fire Interval	Notes
A	Rainforest	n/a	n/a	Fire should be avoided
C	Saline Wetland	n/a	n/a	Fire should be avoided
D	Wet Sclerophyll Forest	25	60	Crown fires should be avoided in the lower end of the interval range
E	Semi-arid Grassy Forest	10	50	Crown fires should be avoided in the lower end of the interval range
F	Swamp Sclerophyll Forest	7	35	
G	Sclerophyll Grassy Woodland	5	40	
H	Sclerophyll Grassy Dry Woodland	5	50	
I	Sclerophyll Shrub Dry Woodland	7	30	
J	Semi-arid Woodland	6	40	There was insufficient data to give definite intervals. Available data indicates min. intervals should be at least 5-10 years, & maximum intervals approximately 40 years
L	Heathland	7	30	
M	Grassland	2	10	Some intervals greater than 7 years should be included in coastal areas. Available evidence indicates maximum intervals should be approximately 10 years
N	Freshwater Wetland	6	35	
N/A	Rock / Sand / Agricultural Areas	n/a	n/a	

NB: These are indicative guidelines based on broad statewide vegetation formations (using the classification of Keith (2002)). These guidelines are not intended to be interpreted as prescriptions. They define a domain of acceptable fire intervals consistent with the maintenance of existing plant species.



Vegetation Threshold Analysis	
Too frequently burnt	Too frequently burnt Protect from fire as far as possible
Vulnerable to frequent fire	Recovering from recent and/or too frequent fire Protect from fire as far as possible
Within Threshold	Fire history is within the threshold for vegetation in this area. A burn is neither required nor should one necessarily be avoided.
Long unburnt	Fire frequency is above maximum inter-fire interval in the area. A prescribed burn may be advantageous. Consider allowing unplanned fires to burn.
Unknown status	Fire history is insufficient to determine if vegetation is Within Threshold or Long Unburnt. Further ground truthing required to determine if a prescribed burn would be beneficial.
No fire regime	No fire regime applied to vegetation in this area

NB: Fire thresholds are defined for vegetation communities to conserve biodiversity

