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NATIONAL RURAL FIRE AUTHORITY CIRCULAR 2009/12

Final Round of Consultation for New Minimum NRFA Standards:

- **Assessing Fire Hazards**
- **Achieving Timely Responses to Fires**

Purpose

The purpose of this circular is to release the updated draft Minimum NRFA Standards for Assessing Fire Hazards and Achieving Timely Responses to Fires for a **final** round of stakeholder review and feedback.

Background

The draft Standards were released for an initial round of stakeholder consultation on 26 June 2009. The original consultation period of eight weeks was extended by two weeks by request of several stakeholders who required additional time to prepare their submissions.

Submissions were received from the following parties:

- Waimea Rural Fire Committee.
- Whangarei District Council.
- Department of Conservation.
- Eastern Regional Rural Fire Committee.
- Wairarapa Rural Fire District.
- Christchurch City Council.
- Lake Taupo Rural Fire Committee.
- Nelson Marlborough Regional Rural Fire Committee.
- Waitaki District Council.
- Marlborough Emergency Management.
- Selwyn District Council.
- Queenstown Lakes District Council.
- Northland Regional Rural Fire Committee.
- Wanganui District Council.
- Palmerston North City Council.
- Southern Rural Fire Authority.

Copies of the submissions are available in the 'Initiatives' section on the NRFA secure website.

After careful consideration of the submissions, the draft Standards have been updated, and are now being reissued for one further and final round of consultation.

Final round of consultation

The NRFA welcomes final comments and feedback on the updated draft Standards.

Submissions of feedback should be made using the feedback form template provided (below).

Submissions can be emailed to the [National Rural Fire Officer](#), or posted to the NRFA.

Timelines

The table below describes the key activities and milestones in the consultation process and indicative timing:

| Activity/milestone | Timing |
|--|---------------------------|
| Draft Standards issued for final round of consultation (consultation period open for eight weeks) | Wednesday 21 October 2009 |
| Consultation feedback due | Friday 18 December 2009 |
| Consultation feedback incorporated, Standards undergo final peer review | January 2010 |
| Final Standards published | February 2010 |
| NRFA Standards audits for these Standards begin | October 2011 |



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Feedback Form Template

You feedback should include the following information:

1. Fire Authority or stakeholder group name
2. Name of contact person for the submission
3. Contact details for the contact person (email, phone)
4. Description of feedback - feedback may include:
 - a. Issues
 - b. Suggestions for changes
 - c. Identification of parts that require clarification
 - d. General comments.