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CitiPower, Powercor and United Energy are committed to providing our customers with **safe, reliable and affordable** supplies of electricity and network services through the application of our Integrated Network Management System. We are committed to bushfire mitigation activities and making our communities safer. Therefore, we plan, design, construct, operate, maintain and decommission the network to minimise as far as practicable the **bushfire danger** arising from the electricity network.

We will achieve our commitment by adopting the following principles:

- Minimise **fire ignition** risks as far as practicable.
- Apply a **risk-based approach** to optimise the management and development of our network and systems.
- **Comply** with all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements as well as Australian and industry standards and any other requirements to which we subscribe.
- Continuously improve our management systems and activities by **embracing innovation and technology** to enhance our reputation, leading the industry in adopting and promoting network management practices where it makes sense to do so.

We meet these important commitments by conducting the following activities:

- **Monitor and evaluate** appropriate metrics to effectively manage network performance.
- Focus on **reducing** the number of network fire risk **incidents** and their **consequence**.
- Ensure that **developments** having a relevance to fire risk reduction are adequately **supported**.
- Work with our communities and other agencies to ensure a **coordinated approach** to fire risk management.
- Maintain an accepted **bushfire mitigation plan**.

We strive for excellence in everything we do and are always **accountable** for our own performance including the management and operation of our network to achieve the objectives outlined in this Policy.

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the **Network Management Policy** and the **Network Safety Policy**.

General Manager Electricity Networks