



EMERGENCY SERVICES LEVY FOR A SAFER STATE

The Emergency Services Levy (ESL) helps to deliver essential fire and emergency services to keep Western Australian communities safe from natural hazards and emergencies.

Wherever you live in this big State of ours, you will see the ESL hard at work.

The ESL assists us to protect 2.7 million Western Australians by funding our ability to respond to bushfires, storms, cyclones, floods, road crashes, hazardous spills and perform search-and-rescue missions.

The levy supports around 26,000 emergency services volunteers and over 1,800 firefighters and staff from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to provide around-the-clock fire and emergency services across WA every year.

Your ESL contribution also goes towards funding fire and emergency vehicles and aerial fleet, life-saving equipment and emergency services facilities.

To learn more about how your ESL is calculated, including information on the different ESL rates, limits and concessions visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl

The ESL helps firefighters and emergency services volunteers to respond to 28,000 plus emergency incidents every year that includes:



Severe Weather

responding to more than 1,600 requests from the community for assistance after storm, cyclone and flood



Fire Response

fighting over 8,700 fires every year



Marine Rescue

performing more than 1,800 search-and-rescue missions at sea



Road Crash Rescue

attending more than 2,900 road crash rescues across the State



In 2023/24 the Emergency Services Levy will fund:



Triple Zero (000)

responding to 35,000 calls for emergency assistance from the community each year



Emergency WA

publishing more than 6,000 alerts and warnings to keep everyone informed during an emergency



Emergency Vehicles

powering the frontline with more than 2,000 emergency response vehicles



Safety, Education and Training

reducing hazards and risks and developing firefighters and emergency services volunteers for frontline response



Aerial Fleet

dropping 10.4 million litres of fire suppressant and flying more than 1,600 firefighting, search-and-rescue and transport missions



Fire and Emergency Facilities

operating around the clock to protect communities in an emergency



Bushfire Mitigation

reducing bushfire risk to protect people, property and the environment



Fire Investigations

investigating the cause of over 140 fire cases each year



Supporting Emergency Services

providing grants to fund Volunteer Bushfire Brigades, State Emergency Service units and Marine Rescue groups



For more information about the ESL or to request brochures in large print, Braille or another language, please call 1300 136 099 or visit dfes.wa.gov.au/esl

