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CONTROLLED BURNS ACROSS THE ACT TOMORROW

Territory and Municipal Services wishes to advise the public that (weather permitting) three controlled burns will be conducted tomorrow, Friday 13 January 2012, at the following locations.

- Coppins Crossing (north of the Murrumbidgee River, Belconnen)
- Gossan Hill Nature Reserve (Weatherburn Place, Bruce)
- Urambi Hills Nature Reserve (Meredith Circuit, Kambah)

The burns are approximately 12, 5 and 7 hectares in size respectively.

These burns are part of a year round hazard reduction program that, along with mowing, slashing and grazing, keeps fuel loads to acceptable levels. The hazard reduction program for the 2011/2012 year is on schedule with the majority of controlled burns in the forest areas to be undertaken in the cooler months of autumn and early winter.

Like in all controlled burns, safety will be of paramount importance. Experienced fire managers, supported by trained fire-fighters, will conduct the burning operations.

Temporary smoke cover may occur. Every effort is made to conduct the burns in weather conditions that will minimise the impact of smoke in the area.

ACT Health advises that people with asthma and other chronic respiratory diseases should not perform vigorous exercise and should stay inside if affected by the smoke. People with asthma in particular should continue their medication and consult their general practitioner if they have any difficulties.

Before burns are undertaken the Emergency Services Agency, the Australian Federal Police, Air Traffic Control, Roads ACT and the Bureau of Meteorology are advised.

For more information, please call Canberra Connect on 13 22 81.

WHAT: Hazard reduction burns

WHERE: Coppins Crossing, north of the Murrumbidgee River, Belconnen
(Handy Map reference in the Yellow Pages, J11)

Gossan Hill Nature Reserve, Weatherburn Place, Bruce
(Handy Map reference in the Yellow Pages, K11)

Urambi Hills Nature Reserve, Meredith Circuit, Kambah
(Handy Map reference in the Yellow Pages, J14)

WHEN: Friday 13 January 2012

Statement Ends

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