

Shire of Plantagenet – LEMC December 2024

DFES Report

1. Regional Update

- All preparations now complete.
- Region moves into high threat period from 5th Dec.
- Additional officers on-call, water bombers available in Albany.
- Full air fleet available upon request.
- Two key focus areas this season; information updates and alerts and warnings.
- Harvest progressing well in more eastern parts of region. Some LGs are nearing completion.
- Soil moisture levels equivalent to late Dec. Driest in last five years.

2. National Warning System – Rolled out nationally 15th July.

- Alerts and Warnings to public remain a key focus of Commissioner.
- Key responsibility of incident controller.
- Emergency WA refreshed to reflect national warning system.
- Emergency Warning App – due for release in early summer.
- I expect there will be a media campaign to accompany release.

3. Summer Season

- No-one knows what it will deliver.
- Best wishes and trust your team members remain safe.

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