**Title:** Coordination strategies between Agencies, State and National coordination authorities.

NSW Rural Fire Service

Key points for inclusion in video:

* Legislated coordinated firefighting arrangements at state and local levels
* Virtual tour of a local Incident Control Centre and how these centres facilitate local incident coordination
* Virtual tour of the State Operations Centre and how this facilitates strategic coordination including interstate and international coordination

NSW Rural Fire Service has extensive arrangements in place for coordinated firefighting at the local and state level. This includes arrangements for fire prevention and mitigation, as well as coordinated incident response.

At state level, the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee (BFCC) is responsible for planning in relation to fire prevention and coordinated bush fire firefighting. It advises the NSW RFS Commissioner on bush fire prevention and mitigation and coordinated bush fire suppression. The BFCC consists of 20 members including the NSW RFS Commissioner, who is the Chairperson, as well as members of Fire and Rescue NSW and other specialists with a range of relevant expertise.

The BFCC appoints and guides Bush Fire Management Committees (BFMCs) for all bush fire districts, and areas with a significant risk of bush fire. BFMCs include representatives from fire agencies, fire authorities, land managers, police and local authorities. They are responsible for coordinated firefighting at a local level including the formulation of Bushfire Plan of Operations and Ignition Prevention Plans.

The RFS has a State Operations Centre (SOC) for strategic incident coordination. This is a worldclass facility which allows the RFS and partner agencies to coordinate incidents across NSW. Although predominantly established for strategic coordination of bushfire incidents, the SOC has also been used to coordinate other statewide emergencies – most recently for flood events and pandemic response.

The SOC also coordinates all interstate and international bushfire responses. This includes deployments when NSW is sending resources to other jurisdictions, or if NSW is receiving support from other jurisdictions. The SOC has adequate room to facilitate interstate and/or international liaison officers improving coordination with other states/territories and Federal authorities.

RFS also has a network of local Incident Control Centres (ICCs) across NSW to facilitate coordinated firefighting locally. These ICCs are typically collocated with Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs) allowing seamless coordination with emergency management partners.