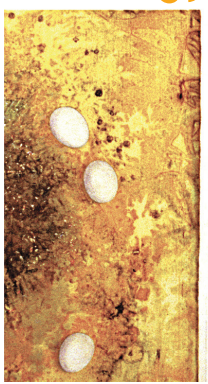
QUESTIONS

# FIRE PLANS FOR ♀ AND ♂



# Having a gender lens in fire planning will increase community preparedness, survival and resilience

In the event of a Code Red day, where will you be? And your partner?[1] Where will the kids be?

What do you plan to be doing on a Code Red day?

*If you're thinking, 'I'm a man so you should stay and defend property' or 'I'm a woman, so I should leave with the children/others/alone':*

- What do you think is **behind each of your decisions**?
- In your case as a couple, and a family, **does it make sense** for you **(the man) to stay and try to defend property?** Does it make sense for you **(the woman) to try to escape?**
- If the plan is to leave early, **what is early?**
- Will you **(the woman) be happy to drive away leaving your partner alone** to defend the house on a Code Red day?
- Is **trying to persuade** him to leave with you **likely to delay** your leaving?
- If you follow your original plan (of him staying, her leaving), **what's the worst that could happen?**
- Do you know what **proportion of bushfire deaths are for females?** (40 to 42%)
- Does it still seem like the **best option?**

See Postcard 2: 'The Facts'

1. These postcards focus on heterosexual couples and fire plans, recognising the constraints on women's autonomy.

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