FIRE PLANS FOR AND QUESTIONS
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? 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**?

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