



## Why plant LESS

- The best way to protect your house is to reduce the intensity of the fire as it approaches; this can be achieved by creating an area around your house where all flammable material such as scrub vegetation, long, rank grass, leaves and twigs has been removed.
- The flammability of vegetation affects fire intensity, which has a major influence on fire control and the chance of homes being damaged or destroyed by fire.
- High flammability fuels have characteristics which greatly assist fire spread; for example, heavy fuel loads, continuous structure, volatile oils, or low moisture contents.



## flammable species?

- Fuel is the only component of a fire environment that can be altered to reduce the probability of damage from wildfires — we cannot control the weather, and topography is more or less fixed.
- The replacement of high flammability species with lower flammability species can reduce fire hazard and help create a DEFENSIBLE SPACE around your home that allows heat and embers to dissipate.
- Low flammability species can also be used in GREEN BREAKS, positioned to break up flammable landscapes, provide a buffer zone bordering urban areas, or to reduce fire hazard in the immediate vicinity of individual properties.

