

# ACT Rural Fire Service Standard Operating Procedure 3.18 Vehicle Bio-Security Management

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### **Purpose**

This Standard Operation Procedure (SOP) provides recommended procedures to be followed to prevent the spread of weeds and soil borne diseases across Parks, Reserves and Rural Leases in the ACT.

# **Scope**

The SOP applies to all vehicles utilised by the ACT Rural Fire Service.

## **Operating Procedure**

As the RFS vehicles are used on fire trails and off paved roads, they are likely to accumulate mud and soil in wheel arches and under chassis areas. As a result, seeds from noxious weeds and soil borne diseases can spread unintentionally when they travel across Parks, Reserves and Rural Leases.

Therefore wherever possible, after RFS vehicles are used on non-paved areas, they should be washed to remove any accumulated soil on or under the vehicle to avoid the spread of weeds and soil based diseases.

# **Supporting Documentation**

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