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## Media Release

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### Emergency Management Plans

Resthaven Chief Executive Officer, Richard Hearn, said today, 'Prior to the commencement of the bushfire season, we reviewed our Bushfire Management Plan for Resthaven Bellevue Heights, which is in the Mount Lofty Ranges Fire Region.'

'Resthaven has assessed the risks at Bellevue Heights and has decided not to evacuate residents on days when a catastrophic warning is issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, unless we are specifically instructed to do so by the emergency service authorities.

'If this should be necessary at any time, the emergency services will provide transport to take residents to another Resthaven facility as their 'safe haven', where temporary accommodation will be provided. This situation will only arise if it is assessed that the facility is likely to be threatened by a bushfire.

'However, as at any time, if any resident should want to leave the site on days of catastrophic ratings, they may choose to spend some time away from the facility, having advised the site staff of their intentions.

'We have put in place a number of actions to manage any bushfire, such as having external sprinklers and fire wall watering systems installed and checked for effective operation. These are checked every month during the bushfire season, and the Department of Environment and Heritage have cleared the fire track between the facility and Sturt Gorge.

'We keep our residents informed of any emergency management situation that may arise and do not wish them to be unnecessarily alarmed. I assure you of our ongoing commitment to the safety of residents, volunteers and staff at all times.'

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