



RETROSUBURBIA

THE DOWNSHIFTER'S GUIDE TO A RESILIENT FUTURE

CHAPTER 11: RETROFITTING FOR BUSHFIRE DEFENCE

QUESTIONS:

- How vulnerable are you to bushfire? Take into account your building design and modifications, your environment and surrounds, and social factors including your household and neighbours.*
- What could you do better? Are there retrofits you could make?

ACTIVITIES:

- Compare your answer to the first question with the score you get from the BAL rating calculator (at balreport.com.au). Do they differ much? Why?
- Audit a group member's house for bushfire vulnerability, concentrating on the built structures – use the diagram on p 166 as a starting point*
- Explore the roof space of your house or the one where you are meeting as a group in the group. Can you see places where embers might be able to enter? Make a plan for filling these. (This might be done as part of the audit, or as a standalone activity).

* Further resources for this activity may be available to registered book clubs

