



Participation in this competition is voluntary.

This document should be read in conjunction with the 'Judging Criteria' and 'Tips' documents

The following must be met to avoid disqualification:

Teams and registration

1. There must be 2 to 5 members per poster (team).
2. Submissions must be made online via the [schools registration system](#):
 - i. by a school teacher (not students) or home-schooling educator
 - ii. before 30 November 2023.
3. A poster must be submitted within one of the following divisions: Stage 3 / Stage 4 / Stage 5
The highest Stage of any of the team's members defines the team's division.
E.g., a team with two Stage 4 students and one Stage 5 student would enter the 'Stage 5' division.
4. The registered teacher/home-schooling educator is responsible for all elements of the team and its submission, including but not limited to:
 - i. ensuring each team and submission meets the competition rules; and
 - ii. having any required permissions to participate.

Posters

Dimension and Content

1. Posters must *relate* to Bushfires or Environmental sustainability – please view the 'Tips' document, accessible via <https://bushfire.postercomp.info/>, which **indicates the breadth of possibilities** (natural disasters, emergency services, and other) as well as ideas for investigations, how to undertake an investigation and produce a poster.
2. Posters may be either:
 - created **physically** on an A1-sized page (841 mm x 594 mm or 33.1 in x 23.4 in) and **photographed** for online submission; or
 - a single-page **e-poster** (created electronically)

In either event, a single file must be submitted online – see file criteria below in **Submission**.

3. Font sizes:

Poster content must be legible if the submitted file was printed on A4 and viewed at arm's length.

Thus, the *smallest* font size on:

- an **e-poster** should be equivalent to 10 pt Arial;
 - a **physical** poster on A1-sized page should be equivalent to 22 pt Arial (so viewable from a distance of approx. 2 metres).
4. The poster should at least include clear aims, methods, use of data and interpretation thereof.
Read the 'Judging Criteria' & 'Tips' documents, at <https://bushfire.postercomp.info/>, which indicate educational goals, ideas for investigations, how to undertake an investigation and produce a poster.

5. Data may be from either primary (collected by students) or secondary (previously published by someone else) sources; if the latter, the source must be cited in the poster.
6. Posters must be presented in English.
7. Posters must NOT contain any information identifying students, teachers or schools who have created or submitted them.

THERE MUST BE NO NAMES (PEOPLE or SCHOOLS) ON THE POSTER!

8. Posters must be the original design and creation of students and must cite any content obtained from existing sources using appropriate footnotes and references. Plagiarism will result in disqualification.
9. A poster containing any form of potentially offensive material or otherwise inappropriate for public display will be excluded from the competition. The organisers reserve the right to withdraw any submissions at their discretion.

Submission

1. Electronic submissions are made via the website adhering to the following instructions:
 - Maximum file size is 10Mb
 - It is the responsibility of the submitting teacher/home-schooling educator and authors to ensure that the poster will be able to be viewed for judging via the file
 - Preferred file types are pdf and jpeg; please check other formats with organisers
2. THERE MUST BE NO NAMES (PEOPLE or SCHOOLS) ON THE POSTER
3. All entries become the property of the competition organisers and won't be returned.
4. By submitting a poster, students and teachers give permission for their work to be displayed at conferences, special events, in publications and promotional material, and in electronic format on the internet without expectation of royalties nor other benefits.

Judgement

1. The 'Judging Criteria' document accessible via <https://bushfire.postercomp.info/> should be viewed.
2. Judges will be appointed by the competition organisers – these may include industry and academic personnel.
3. The judges' decision is final.

Please consider the additional support and information noted at <https://bushfire.postercomp.info/>.

Thank you for your consideration of this competition. We hope to continue to bring many valuable and enjoyable hours of learning experience to students and teachers.

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