# WADIC Bushfire Products



# **Timber in Bushfire Prone Areas**



## Alternative solution

### Pilot Scale Test 1: November 2012

- 7 Items tested all 800 x 800mm
  - ▶ WRC 6.38 Clear Lam Awning 50sec Cracking
  - WRC 6.00 Clear Toughened Awning 1m 48sec Only shattered
  - ▶ WRC 6.38 Clear Lam Low E Fixed Lite 35sec Cracking
  - WRC 6.38 Lam Sliding 1m 30sec Cracking
  - WRC 6.00 Toughened Fixed Lite 1m 50sec Only shattered
  - ▶ WRC 6.38 Clear Lam Fixed Lite 1m Cracking
  - WRC Insulated Glass Unit (IGU) 6.38 Clear Lam Fixed Lite 45sec Cracking

#### What Did We Learn?

- Timber WRCEDAR Chars and self extinguishes
- FORGET LAMINATED GLASS!

## Pilot Scale Test 2: February 2013

- > 7 Items tested all 800 x 800 mm
  - MERBAU 5.00 Clear Toughened Frame
  - WRC 6.00 Toughened Frame & Sash + HDS
  - WRC 6.00 Toughened Frame & Door Sash + HDS
  - WRC 6.00 Toughened Fixed Glazed Panel + HDS
  - WRC 6.00 EnergyTech Grey Toughened Frame & Sash + HDS
  - WRC 6.00 EnergyTech Grey Toughened Glazed Panel + HDS
  - WRC 6.00 Clear Toughened with Frame + HDS

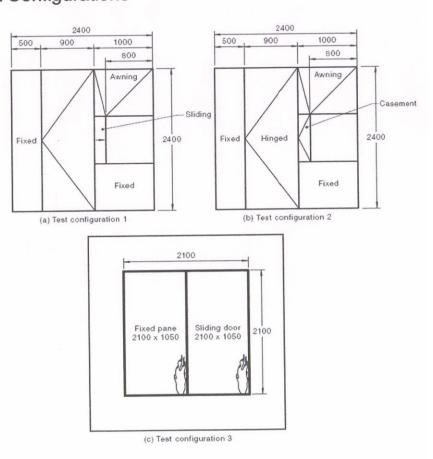
### What Did We Learn?

- MERBAU + 5mm Toughened Glass
- WRC + 6mm Toughened Glass + HDS
- Glass responds well to heat (Does not respond well to cool)
- WRC chars to 7-10mm depth
- Merbau chars to 3 4mm depth
- Both self extinguish at approximately the same point during the tests

## Major Tests: Standard Test Configurations

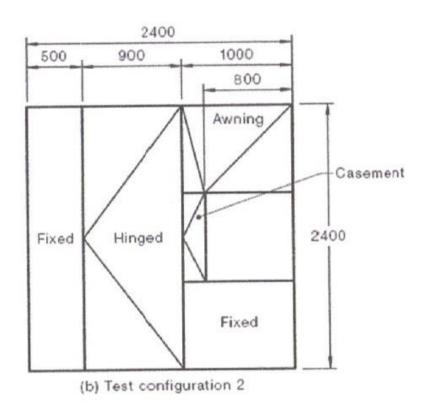
# New Buildings In Bushfire Prone Areas - Testing AS1530.8.1 Standard Test Configurations

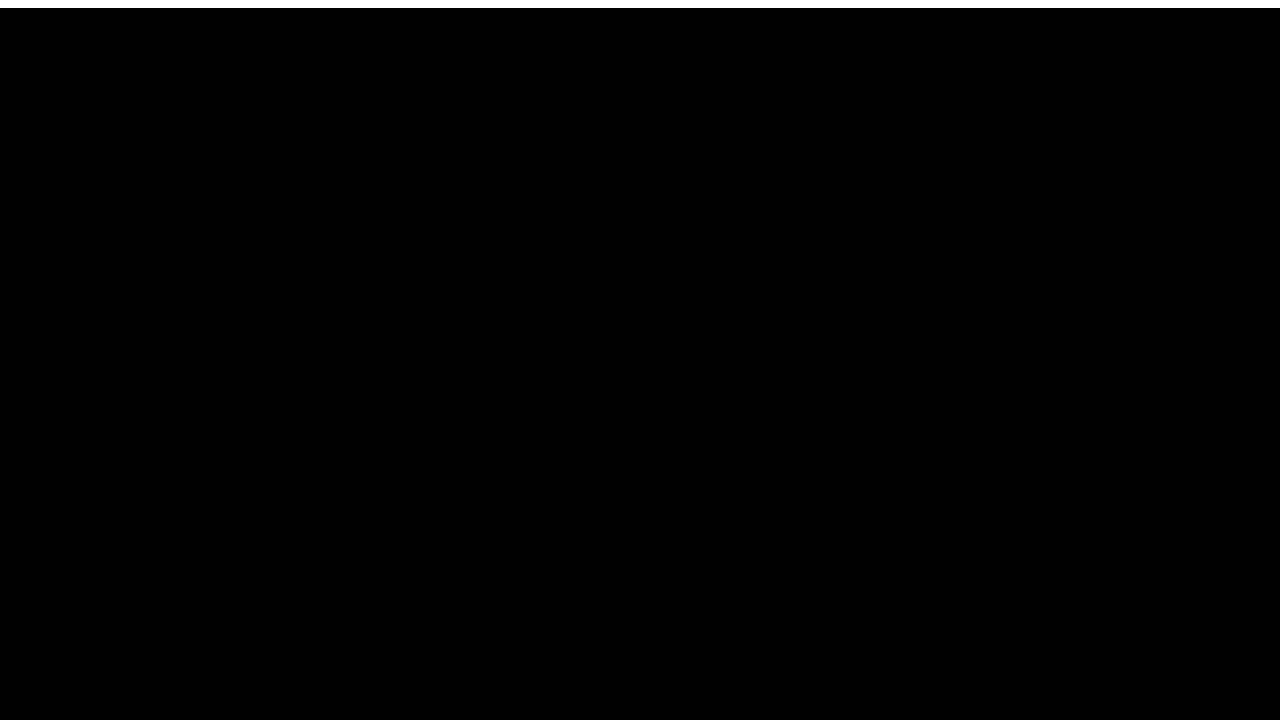
Glazed Vertical Elements AS1530.8.1



# Major Test 1: March 2013

- Test configuration 1
- Size 2400 x 2400 mm
- Timber WRCEDAR with Merbau Sill
- Glass 6mm Toughened Glass Heat Dispersing Bar
  - Fixed Side Light
  - Outward Opening Swing Door
  - Awning Window
  - Casement Window
  - ► Fixed Glazed Window





#### What Did We Learn?

- Latch side Outward opening swing door failed due to deflection towards the heat source
- Seals pulled away from the test specimen opening up a gap
- Seals not adequate or positioned correctly
- All other parts of the test specimen passed
- The glass did not break
- Tolerances are critical

## Recommendations to Remedy

Restrain outward opening door top and bottom on latch side

OR

Reposition and apply heavier duty intumescent seals

# Major Test 2: September 2013

- Configuration 2
- Size 2400 x 2400 mm
- Timber WRC with Merbau Sill
- Glass 6mm Toughened Glass Heat Dispersing Bar
  - ▶ 3 Door Bi-Fold Door Assembly (Opening Out Door)
  - ▶ 1 Door Opening In Door With Frame

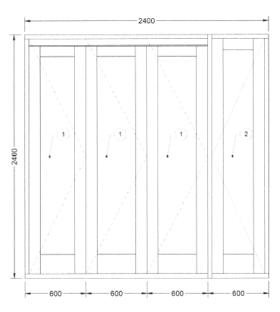


Figure A1.3: General Elevation (Exposed Side)

#### What Did We Learn?

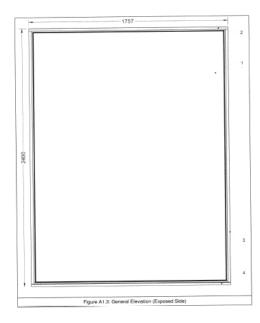
- Repositioned heavy duty intumescent seals did not intumesce
- Fire seals not required
- WRC an excellent insulator
- ❖ Bi-Fold head and sill guide configuration was not compromised

## Recommendation to Remedy

Three point locking system required for all opening out doors

# Major Test 3: October 2013

- Configuration 3 (modified)
- Size 2400 x 1760mm
- Timber WRC with Merbau Sill
- ► Glass 6mm Toughened Glass + HDS
- ► Timber framed fixed glazed pane of glass equal to 4 metres square



# Major Test 3: October 2013



1. Lighting the crib 2. Furnace at 900 Celsius 3. Furnace Plate

4. End Result

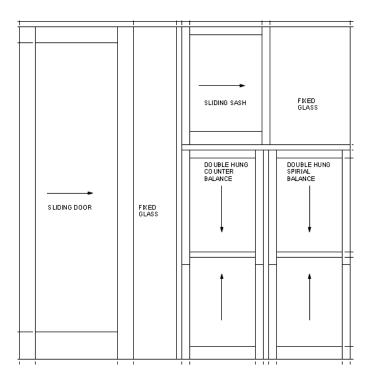
## What Did We Learn?

- Window caught fire
- Fire went out
- Glass did not break



# Major Test 4: June 2015

- Configuration 4
- Size 2400 x 2400mm
- Timber WRC with Merbau Sill
- ► Glass 6mm Toughened Glass + HDS
- Sliding Door with fixed pane
- Sliding Window with fixed pane
- Double Hung Counter Balance Window
- Double Hung Spiral Balance Window



# Major Test 4: June 2015 - Before & After





Before Front & Back





After Front & Back

#### **General Observations**

- WRCEDAR (low density) is an excellent insulator
  - glass has cool edges and hot centre (thermal shock)
  - need Heat Dispersing System (HDS)
  - fire seals may not intumesce (expand)
  - no need for fire seals
- WRCEDAR does not get hot
  - however, deflects when radiant heat applied
  - need to allow for in design
- Merbau (higher density) gets hot.
  - no thermal shock
  - merbau and 5mm toughened glass performs well
- Laminated glass does not perform
  - interlayer dissolves / delaminates.

### Achievements - All Passed AS1530.8.1

#### Round 1:



Fixed Glazed Side Panel



**Awning Window** 



**Casement Window** 



Hinged Door - Opening Out - Locking System



Hinged Door - Opening In



Bifold Door System



**Bifold Window System** 



Large Glazed Panel



Insulated Glass Units x 6

#### Round 2:



Sliding Door System



Sliding Window System



Spiral Balance - Double Hung Window



Counter Balance - Double Hung Window

## Variations & Inclusions To Tested Prototypes

- Outer pane of glazing Grade A toughened safety glass 6mm, 8mm, 10mm, 12mm, 15mm up to 4 metres square
- WRCEDAR & merbau sills and transoms allowed greater than 400mm from ground
- Merbau sills and transoms allowed less than 400mm from ground
- Heat dispersing system (HDS)
- Maximum height of assembly 3 metres
- Maximum window assembly length unlimited
- Sectional sizes can be increased but not decreased behind the glass

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