

## Data supplement

<b>Table DS1</b> A Comparison of demographics in the bushfire-exposed follow-up sample and the matched comparison sample			
	Bushfire-exposed group ( <i>n</i> = 450) <sup>a</sup>	Control group ( <i>n</i> = 388) <sup>a</sup>	Adjusted <sup>b</sup> <i>P</i>
Years since fire, <sup>a</sup> mean (s.d.)	20.7 (0.6)	20.8 (0.6)	
Gender, <sup>a</sup> <i>n</i> (%)			0.57
Male	270 (50.0)	237 (50.3)	
Female	270 (50.0)	234 (49.7)	
Age, <sup>a</sup> years: mean (s.d.)	28.7 (2.3)	27.8 (2.2)	
Marital status, <i>n</i> (%)			
Married	192 (42.7)	147 (37.9)	0.84
Separated	13 (2.9)	6 (1.5)	0.35
Divorced	7 (1.6)	7 (1.8)	0.43
Children, <i>n</i> (%)	191 (42.4)	114 (29.4)	0.03
Current residential address, <i>n</i> (%)			
Urban (population 100 000)	139 (30.9)	168 (43.3)	0.0005
Rural (population 10 000–99 999)	281 (62.4)	202 (52.1)	0.004
Remote (population <10 000)	23 (5.1)	13 (3.4)	0.24
Overseas	5 (1.1)	5 (1.3)	0.57
Lifetime number of times moved, mean (s.d.)	8.4 (5.6)	9.2 (6.4)	0.005
Education, <i>n</i> (%)			
Completed Year 12	289 (64.2)	299 (77.1)	0.002
Attained tertiary qualifications	107 (23.8)	123 (31.7)	0.01
Occupation, <sup>44</sup> <i>n</i> (%)			
Manager	36 (8.0)	36 (9.3)	0.14
Professional	85 (18.9)	97 (25.0)	0.07
Associated professional	47 (10.4)	64 (16.5)	0.02
Trades person	54 (12.0)	38 (9.8)	0.35
Advanced clerical	26 (5.8)	26 (6.7)	0.73
Intermediate clerical	40 (8.9)	30 (7.7)	0.36
Intermediate production	30 (6.7)	10 (2.6)	0.01
Elementary clerical	5 (1.1)	2 (0.5)	0.35
Labourer	48 (10.7)	32 (8.2)	0.21
Employment, <i>n</i> (%)			
Currently employed	365 (81.1)	318 (82.0)	0.97
Home duties	49 (10.9)	37 (9.5)	0.90
Student	4 (0.9)	7 (1.8)	0.32
Unemployed	13 (2.9)	10 (2.6)	0.68
Hours worked per week, mean (s.d.)	37.4 (17)	39.8 (15)	0.03
Recipient of government benefit, <i>n</i> (%)	35 (7.8)	22 (5.7)	0.21

a. For years since fire, gender and age: bushfire-exposed group *n* = 540 and control group *n* = 471.  
b. Adjusted for age (except for age section).

## Additional reference

44 Australian Bureau of Statistics. *Australian Standard Classification of Occupations (ASCO) – Statistical Classification*. Report No. 1220.0. ABS, 1986.