

7.0 Overall area fire affected

For the majority of fires ignited throughout the heatwave period of late January and early February 2009, around 430,000 hectares of land has been affected by fire (Royal Commission 2009). Based on the mapping analysis conducted by the author using DSE Fire and Land Tenure Map overlays, approximately 43 per cent of fire-affected land analysed was state forest, private land 29 per cent, National Parks 23 per cent and plantations 5 per cent (see Figure 7.1). In relation to private land, plantations and state forests, many of these areas have experienced moderate to significant human disturbance through the removal of the original vegetation, logging or urban development.

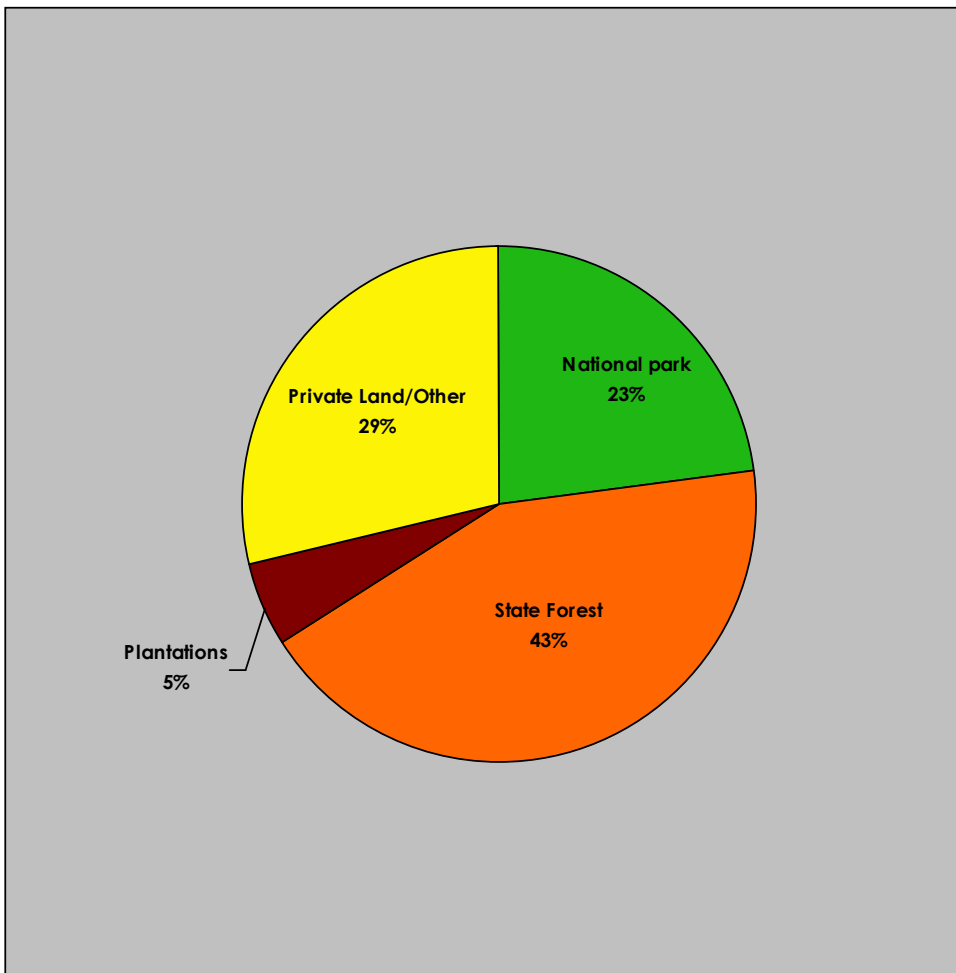


Figure 7.1 Overall fire affected land tenure percentages across Victoria.