Places of Last Resort

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFER PLACES (NSP)
- are a Place of Last Resort for people during a bush fire.
They are a last resort if all other options in your Bush Fire Survival Plan cannot be implemented.

Well before there is any fire in your area:

☐ Be aware of NSP locations for your local area. See www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.
☐ Note any NSP’s that are close to your property in your Bush Fire Survival Plan.
☐ Always remember these areas have been identified as a PLACE OF LAST RESORT.
☐ If there is no NSP available you should identify other safer locations in your Bush Fire Survival Plan.
☐ Other safer locations include a nearby well prepared home, a shopping centre, an oval etc. that is away from the bush.
☐ Be aware of the safest and any alternate access routes to your NSP.

The Place of Last Resort

☐ If it is unsafe to leave the area or stay and defend your property, and the path is clear, you should move to your pre-identified NSP, or other safer location, prior to the impact of a bush fire.
☐ Be aware that when you are travelling to your NSP there may be heavy smoke and poor visibility. It is important that you are familiar with the area.
☐ Gather at the NSP location and remain there until the bush fire threat has passed.
☐ The conditions at the NSP may be uncomfortable and you may be affected by smoke and embers.
☐ Water, toilets and food may not be available at the NSP and emergency service personnel may not be present.
☐ People with special needs, such as the elderly and disabled, should always leave before the threat of fire.
☐ NSPs are not intended for pets and livestock.
☐ Your safest option will always be to leave early.

Neighbourhood Safer Places do not guarantee your safety.
Leaving areas where a bush fire can start is always the safest option.