

1. The number of housing homes that have been damaged by fire in the Illawarra region in the past five years

Since July 1, 2018, there have been around 47 properties damaged by fire in the Illawarra Region (Illawarra comprising the Wollongong, Shoalhaven and Kiama LGAs).

2. The number of housing homes that have been damaged by fire in the Illawarra region in the past 12 months

LHC records show 12 properties sustained damage due to fire between 1 July 2021 and 30 June 2022.

3. The causes of the fires in points 1 and 2

Of the 47 properties, the causes of the fires are recorded as follows: 9 were identified as accidents caused by tenant behaviour, 5 were identified as due to arson or suspected arson, and the causes of fire at 33 properties remain unknown or are still under investigation.