



LO3 Bush Fire Control – Burning Restrictions

Policy Objective

Council in consultation with the Bushfire Advisory Committee (BFAC) is to determine specific discretionary dates for Bush Fire Control Burning Restrictions.

Policy

Burning on Sundays

Burning on Sundays is prohibited, except between 1 March to 19 September. Information to this effect is to be advertised to property owners per the statutory requirements.

Burning Permit Exemptions

A permit to burn is not required to burn within an area not exceeding 0.1 of a hectare, during the period 31 May to 31 August each year, except for the district, where the fire is to be lit, is High or above.

Where burning is to occur the landowner/occupier must obey the following conditions;

- Burn area must have a 3m wide bare earth firebreak surrounding it.
- Someone shall be in attendance at all times.
- Inform your neighbours, prior to lighting.
- Piles for burning cannot be greater than 2sqm in diameter and 1m in height.
- For rural small holdings and rural residential lots to have a fire unit carrying a minimum of 400lt present at all times.
- For town site blocks to have a hose connected to running water that can reach the whole burn area.

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Custodian: Executive Manager Projects and Regulatory Services		Decision Maker: Council
Compliance Requirements: Bush Fires Act 1954 and Bush Fires Regulations 1954		
Legislation: s18 [Restricted burning times may be declared by FES Commissioner] of the Bush Fires Act 1954 Part IV — [Burning during restricted times and prohibited times] - Bush Fires Regulations 1954 S15C [Local Government may prohibit burning on certain days] of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954		
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