

## BUSHFIRE PERMITS TO BURN

### Purpose

To provide clear guidelines to Shire of Plantagenet Bush Fire Control Officers about conditions which must be applied to permits to burn during Prohibited Burning Times.

### Scope

This policy applies to properties located within the Shire of Plantagenet.

### Policy

1. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, in consultation with the Chief Fire Weather Officer and other Fire Control Officers, may issue a permit to burn during prohibited burning times with the following conditions.
  - 1.1. Protective burning around buildings may be permitted during the hours of 4.00pm to 12.00am (midnight).
  - 1.2. Permits to burn shall not be issued for Christmas Day or Good Friday.
  - 1.3. Permits to burn bush on land growing subterranean clover for the purpose of harvesting shall not be issued except by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officers or the Chief Executive Officer.
  - 1.4. Permits issued to burn on land growing subterranean clover shall not be for areas exceeding 75 hectares.

The issue of a permit to burn is at the discretion of the Issuing Officer and will depend on the fire weather conditions at the time and the availability of resources for fire control. The issue of a permit may be subject to additional conditions on a case-by-case basis in order to minimise evident risks.

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<b>Legislation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>, Section 15A 'Bush Fire Control Officer issuing permits to burn to comply with directions of local government'</li> <li>• <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>, Section 23 'Burning during prohibited burning times'</li> <li>• <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>, Section 24 'Bush on land growing subterranean clover may be burnt during prohibited burning times'</li> <li>• <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>, Section 24A 'Bush on land in prescribed irrigation areas may be burnt during prohibited times for purpose of germinating clover'.</li> </ul>		
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