

BUSH FIRES ACT 1954

FIREBREAK NOTICE

Shire of Exmouth

Notice to All Owners and/or Occupiers of Land situated in the Shire of Exmouth

Take notice that pursuant to Section 33(4) of the Bush Fires Act, where the owner or occupier of land who has received notice fails or neglects to comply with the requisitions of the notice within the time specified, the Shire of Exmouth may by its officers and with such servants, workmen and contractors, vehicles and machinery as the officers deem fit, enter upon the land and carry out the requisitions of the notice which have not been complied with and pursuant to Section 33(5) of the Bush Fires Act the amount of any costs and expenses incurred may be recovered from you as the owner or occupier of the land.

Firebreaks

Pursuant to the powers contained in section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are required to on or before the 1st (first) day of October and thereafter up to and including the 30th (thirtieth) day of April the following year, or within 14 days of the date of you becoming an owner or occupier of land, to install a firebreak clear of all flammable material on that land in accordance with the following—

1. Where the land is 0.2 hectares or less, all flammable material on the land shall be removed from the whole of the land or slashed to a height not exceeding 7.5 centimetres.
2. If a property is greater than 0.2 hectares, firebreaks of not less than 3 metres in width are to be constructed around and within 20 metres of the perimeter of each building, and on such lands so to completely enclose thereof with such a firebreak.
3. In addition to the above firebreaks, you shall clear off all flammable material from the whole of the land occupied by drums used for the storage of flammable liquid, whether the drums contain flammable liquid or not, including any land on which ramps for holding the drums are constructed, and an area outside the land so occupied to a distance of not less than 3 (three) metres.

Application to vary the above Requirements

If it is considered impracticable for any reason whatsoever to clear firebreaks or establish other arrangements as required by this notice, you may apply in writing to the Shire of Exmouth not later than the 15th day of September each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions on the land. If permission is not granted by the Shire you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must be in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and a person in default is also liable whether prosecuted or not to pay the costs of performing the work directed by this notice if it is not carried out by the owner and/or occupier by the date required by this notice.

By Order of the Council,
PHILLIP ANASTASAKIS, Chief Executive Officer.