

Firebreak Notice

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*

In accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, all owners and/or occupiers of land situated in the Shire of Exmouth are required to carry out fire prevention work **on or before the first (1st) day of October and thereafter up to and including the thirtieth (30th) day of April the following year** in accordance with the following requirements:

- Where the *land is 0.2 hectares (2024m²) or less*, all flammable material on the land, except living standing trees, shall be removed from the whole of the land by mowing or slashing to a height not exceeding 7.5 centimetres, chemical spraying (followed by slashing to a height not exceeding 7.5 centimetres) or other approved method by an officer of Council authorised for this purpose.
- If a property is *greater than 0.2 hectares (2024m²)*, *excluding the Wilderness Estate*, 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.
- If a property is located within the *Wilderness Estate*, 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 the building envelope with such a firebreak.
- In addition to the above firebreaks, you shall clear 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) metres.

It is also recommended that the fuel loading throughout the property be reduced or removed completely so that a building protection zone is installed to provide a 'circle of safety' around your building, by pruning trees overhanging your building, removing leaf litter and, cutting long grass and dense scrub/bush.

APPLICATION TO VARY THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS

Should it be impractical to comply with these firebreak requirements, application may be made to Council, in writing, on or before Tuesday 15th September 2015, to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by the Shire you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

THE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO COMPLY with this notice is \$250 (\$1000 being the maximum penalty). It should also be noted that if you fail comply with this notice, Council may, in accordance with Section 33 of the Bush Fires Act 1954, carry out the requirements of this notice and any costs associated will be forwarded to you.