

Fire Break Notice

Bush Fire Act 1954
(Section 33)

Notice to all Owners and Occupiers of land in the Shire of Broome

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the above Act, you are hereby required to complete on or before **15 May 2008** and maintain up to and including **31 December 2008** all fire hazard reduction works as required in accordance with the following:

1) Rural and Pastoral lands: (Refers to all land outside the townsite)

Trafficable firebreaks are required to be clear of all inflammable material.

- (a) Not less than three (3) metres wide inside, along and within ten (10) metres of all external boundaries and around all haystacks.
- (b) A twenty-metre "*parkland cleared*" low fuel buffer zone around all buildings, which shall be clear of all inflammable material.

2) Townsite Land: (Refers to all land within the townsite of Broome)

- (a) Where the area of land is 2,000 square metres or less, remove all inflammable materials from the whole of the land.
- (b) Where the area of the land is greater than 2,000 square metres, trafficable firebreaks not less than three (3) metres wide inside and within two metres of the external boundaries of the land and a twenty-metre "*parkland cleared*" low fuel buffer zone around all buildings, which shall be clear of all inflammable material

3) Rubbish Sites: (Being all rubbish sites for pastoral stations, townsite and community use)

Trafficable firebreaks to be installed not less than two metres wide and within three metres of the perimeter of the rubbish site.

4) Fuel Dumps and Depots

Remove all inflammable material from within five (5) metres of all fuel drums and ramps, whether the drums contain fuel or not.

The works referred to in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 herein must be performed to the satisfaction of the duly authorised Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Broome.

These conditions are considered the minimum standard of fire protection required. The Shire of Broome reserves the right to place further conditions upon individual land as may be necessary to reduce fire risk.

If it is considered impracticable for any reason to clear firebreaks or to remove inflammable material from the land as required by this Notice, you may apply to the Shire of Broome Manager Emergency, Ranger and Beach Services not later than 7th May 2008 for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land.

Definitions

- “**Inflammable material**” is defined for the purpose of this notice to include long dry grass, leaves, bark, timber, boxes, cartons, paper and like inflammable materials, rubbish and also any combustible matter, but does not include living trees, shrubs, growing bushes and plants under cultivation.
- “**Parkland cleared**” is defined for the purpose of this notice as land that is maintained in a low fuel state. It may contain regularly maintained gardens, trees, shrubs and short grass. It shall be kept in such a state that fire cannot be sustained readily upon the land. For further information as to what would constitute “parkland cleared” please contact the Shire rangers on (08) 9191 3456

Garden Refuse & Rubbish

Under the Shire of Broome Health Local Laws 2006

Burning of bush, grass or garden refuse throughout the Shire is not permitted unless a written permit has firstly been obtained from an appointed Bush Fire Control Officer/Shire Ranger.

‘Burning off is NOT permitted within the townsite of Broome’

The penalty for failing to comply with this Notice is a fine of \$5,000 or a modified penalty of \$250. Any person failing to comply with this Notice may also be liable whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of the Shire of Broome obtaining contractors to perform any fire hazard reduction works on your property.

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IN CASE OF FIRE TELEPHONE

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