

POL 0060: Fire Management – Roadside Burning

Purpose

To ensure that roadside burning does not take place without the written consent of the Shire of Esperance.

Scope

This policy applies throughout the Shire of Esperance district.

Definitions

N/A

Practice

Roadside burning shall not take place without the written consent of the Shire.

When examining such applications, Shire will -

1. Grant approval only if the burn is to be supervised by the relevant Bushfire Brigade;
2. Only consider the burn as part of a broader fire management plan;
3. Restrict burning to one side of the road only during any one year;
4. Prefer to see that the burn has ecological advantages to the road verge as well as fire hazard abatement;
5. No firebreaks will be permitted to facilitate the burn unless the roadside vegetation strip is greater than 20 metres wide and then only if in the Shire's opinion the break is necessary for the protection of the roadside vegetation; and the firebreak complies with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;
6. Refer the proposal to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in the assessment of the application; and
7. Applicant to advise the Shire of actual burning date so that the frequency/heat of burns and therefore estimate the ecological value/disadvantage of burns to individual roadsides can be monitored.

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Document Information

Responsible Position	Manager Ranger and Emergency Services
Risk Rating	Medium

Referencing Documents

- *Local Government Act 1995*
- *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*

Revision History

Date	Version	CM Reference	Reason for Change	Resolution #	Next Review
Oct 2004	1		New policy	O1004-0967	Oct 2006
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