



## **FIRE HAZARD REDUCTION**

The fire season is nearly upon us once again and all indications are that this year will potentially be one of the worst on record. It is up to everyone to take every precaution possible to minimise the risk of fire.

Under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, **an owner of land must take reasonable steps to minimise the potential for fire outbreaks on their land**, and Council would like to remind you of your obligations.

### **SECTION 105F OF THE ACT STATES:**

**An owner of private land must take reasonable steps:**

- **To prevent or inhibit the outbreak of fire on the land;**
- **To prevent or inhibit the spread of fire through the land;**
- **To protect property on the land from fire, and**
- **To minimise the threat to human life from a fire on the land.**

**Will your property be Bush Fire Compliant?**

***Maximum Penalty \$5,000***

You are required to take the following actions in relation to your residential property in order to remedy the hazard:

- Reduce all flammable (or potentially flammable) grass and undergrowth over the entire allotment to less than 100mm (4") in height;
- Remove and properly dispose of any heaped flammable vegetation, grass, tree and shrub cuttings from the property;
- Remove any flammable material from around buildings.

Rural properties must have appropriate fire breaks in place.

**The responsibility to have your property cleared and/or fire breaks in place rests with you as the owner and if necessary you should contact an appropriate service provider to arrange clearance of your property. Please note, due to the expected high fuel loads the above actions may need to occur more than once during the fire season period.**

The official fire season date will be notified on the CFS website once proclaimed.

If you have any questions regarding this information or would like further assistance please contact the Council Office on 8666 2014.

**Clean up, pack up and be bushfire ready.**

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