

Council Policy

Hazard reduction burning by brigades

Introduction

As part of their charter to protect local communities from the risks of bush fires, brigades undertake hazard reduction burns on both private and public lands.

Such burning is usually done for a fee to recover costs and as a way of raising funds for the Brigade. This Policy specifies the persons who are authorised to approve hazard reduction burns carried out by Bush Fire Brigades on private and public property in accordance with Section 33 (6) of the Bush Fires Act 1954 wherein Council is requested to undertake the works by the landowner, and then effectively sub-contracts the Brigade(s) to carry out the work.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. To specify which persons are authorised to approve hazard reduction burns; and
2. To ensure that the cost of the hazard reduction burn is received prior to the burn taking place.

Policy statement

That the following officers are authorised to approve hazard reduction burns to be carried out by Bush Fire Brigades:

- Emergency Services Coordinator
- Director Infrastructure & Development and
- Chief Executive Officer.

All applications for hazard reduction burns shall be made on the form determined by the Shire.

Application

Responsibility for the application of this policy is the Emergency Services Coordinator.

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