

FIRE CONTROL

Previous policy number: 2.1.2

Policy Statement

To provide direction for Council Officers with respect to fire control in the district.

Policy Details

Fire Control Officers

Officers of the WA Fire Brigade Board, the Executive Manager Corporate Services, the Senior Ranger and the Parks Manager are to be appointed Fire Control Officers for the purpose of issuing Fire Permits.

Protective Burning

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised to arrange the construction of firebreaks, clearing of fire hazards or protective burning where it is needed on all property under the care, control or management of the Council at authorised times.

In addition, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to arrange periodic controlled protective burning of Grass Trees on Council controlled land within the district.

Firebreaks – Departure from Order

There shall be no variation without reference to Council.

Firebreak Order – Failure to Comply

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of Council's Firebreak order is to be served with an infringement notice and a written directive to comply with the Order within 14 days.

In the event of a land owner failing to comply with the additional direction, a contractor is to be engaged to perform the required work and the cost of the same is to be recovered from the landowner, in accordance with section 33(4) of the Bush Fires Act.

Infringement Notices

In the event of an infringement notice issued by an authorised Council Officer not being paid within the statutory period, the Chief Executive Officer is authorised to proceed with the action necessary for the recovery of the outstanding amount.

Prosecutions

The Chief Executive Officer is not authorised, without referral to the Council to institute legal proceedings against any person to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Bush Fires Act.

Definitions

Nil.

Governance References

Statutory Compliance	<i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i>
Organisational Compliance	Nil.

Policy Administration

Directorate:		Officer title:
Executive Services		Chief Executive Chief Executive Manager Corporate Services Ranger Parks Manager
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