



Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice

Bush Fires Act 1954 Section 33(1)

To prevent bush fires and to minimise the spread of a bush fire, all owners and occupiers of land within the City's district are required to comply with the requirements of this Annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

For the purposes of this Notice, flammable matter includes, but is not limited to, vegetation (except for living trees, shrubs, plants and lawns under cultivation), prunings, cardboard, wood, paper, general rubbish and any other combustible material.

1. For all land NOT zoned 'General Rural', 'Special Rural', 'Parks and Recreation' or 'Local Open Space'

At all times throughout the year, all owners or occupiers of land zoned other than 'General Rural', 'Special Rural', 'Parks and Recreation' or 'Local Open Space' under the City of Gosnells Town Planning Scheme No. 6 (Scheme) are required to clear and maintain the land free of all flammable matter to a height no greater than 10cm.

2. For all land that IS zoned 'General Rural', 'Special Rural', 'Parks and Recreation' or 'Local Open Space'

On or before **30 November** each year, all owners or occupiers of land zoned 'General Rural', 'Special Rural', 'Parks and Recreation' or 'Local Open Space' under the Scheme are required to:

- a. Clear and maintain the land free of all flammable matter to a height no greater than 10cm; **or**
- b. Maintain a mineral earth firebreak as close as practicable to the inside of all external boundaries of each lot on the land and maintain a mineral earth firebreak within 20m of all stockpiled flammable matter.

Mineral earth firebreaks must be continuous (no dead ends) and maintained to a minimum standard of 3m wide by 4m high (vertical clearance) to provide unimpeded access for emergency vehicles. Driveways must also be maintained to these standards.

Firebreaks are intended to provide safe access on your property for emergency vehicles and to ensure fire does not travel under the vehicles or underfoot.

Note: The firebreaks and requirements set out above must be maintained up to and including **30 April** in the following year.

Permission needed to vary requirements

If, due to constraints on your land, you are unable to comply with the requirements set out in this Notice, you may apply in writing to the City no later than **1 November** each year for permission to provide firebreaks in alternative locations or take alternative measures.

Unless and until permission in writing is granted by the City, you shall comply with the requirements of this Notice.

All land owners

Further to the above minimum requirements, the landowner may receive a separate written notice, sent to the address shown on the City of Gosnells rates record, requiring additional works which may be considered necessary by an Authorised Officer of the City.

Penalty for non-compliance

Failing to comply with the requirements of this Notice is an offence under the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, which carries a penalty of up to \$5,000. In addition, where the owner or occupier of the land fails to comply with a Notice given pursuant to Section 33(1), the City may enter the land to carry out the work required to comply with the Notice and also recover any costs and expenses incurred in carrying out that work from the owner or occupier of the land.