

FIRST AND FINAL WARNING

Notice is hereby given to all landowners/occupiers within the Shire of Moora that you are required, on or before 1 November annually, to comply with the below directives to reduce the outbreak, spread and extension of a bushfire and maintain at that standard until 29 March annually under section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*. **Failure to comply with this notice may incur penalties up to \$5000 and the required works carried out at the expense of the owner/occupier.**

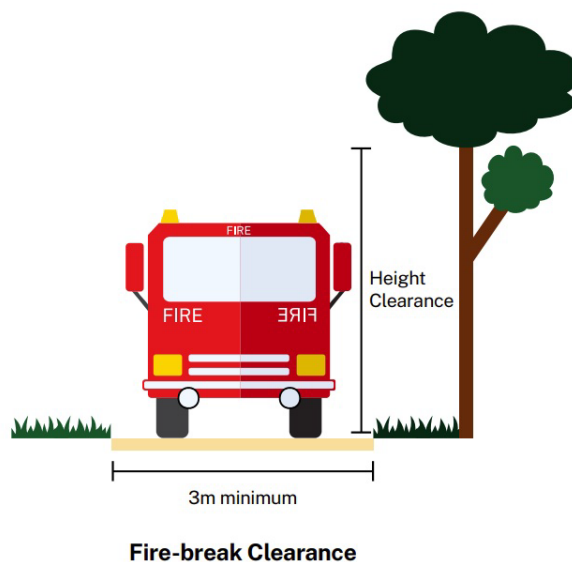
	Land 4000m ² and UNDER	Land 4001m ² and OVER
Land Fuel Reduction Dead flammable matter including dead grass shrubs and plants shall be slashed, mowed, or trimmed down by other means to a height no greater than 50mm across the entire property. Unless used for pasture or crop.	✓	✓
Asset Protection Zone Create an Asset Protection Zone by installing and maintaining a 20-metre fuel reduced zone around all buildings or assets of value. "Fuel reduced" is a reduction in the vegetation, including all dead flammable material to below 2 tonne per hectare.	✓	✓
Building Maintenance Ensure roofs, gutters and walls of all buildings are free of flammable matter.	✓	✓
Fire Breaks Install a fire break* as close as practicable to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entirety of the property boundary • All buildings, sheds and fuel storage • All stationary internal combustion engines • All electric motors or pumps 	✗	✓

*Fire Breaks MUST:

- Have trafficable clearing for heavy 4WD vehicles (recommended 4 meters height clearance wherever possible).
- Be no less than 3 metres wide.
- Be constructed in a continuous form with no obstructions or dead ends.
- Be as close as practicable to property boundaries.
- Not contain any flammable material.

Harvest and Agricultural activities

Pursuant to Regulation 38A & 38B of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*, a separate firefighting appliance is required to be present in any paddock where harvesting, churning, stubble raking/crunching, or straw baling is occurring, and associated allied activities or any other activity likely to cause a bushfire during restricted and prohibited periods. The firefighting unit must be in a state of readiness and have a minimum capacity of 400 litres of water, a powered pump and minimum 20m hose. The farm firefighting unit should be parked on bare ground in or near the working area.



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Plantations

Any area of planted trees, other than a wind break, that exceeds three hectares in a gazetted town site or elsewhere a stand of trees of 10 hectares or larger, that has been established by sowing or planting native or exotic tree species selected and managed intensively for their commercial and environmental value. A plantation includes roads, tracks, firebreaks and small areas of native vegetation.

Plantations as of 1 January 2020:

Under 3 hectares

- Require a 6-metre-wide by 4-metre-height clearance fire break around the entirety.

Over 3 hectares

- 15-metre-wide by 4-metre-height clearance fire break around the entirety
- 6-metre-wide by 4-metre-height clearance internal fire breaks a minimum of every 30 hectares
- Minimum of 25,000L water supply and hard stand for every 50 hectares no further than 20 minutes turnaround

Other Works

A Fire Control Officer may direct in writing other works to be carried out.

Bushfire Management Plans

All properties that are subject to a Bushfire Management Plan because of a subdivision, development application or a Shire approved treatment plan must comply with the requirements of such plans in their entirety in addition to the requirements of this notice.

Variation Request

The shire of Moora understands that not all landowners/occupiers are able to complete the requirements set out by this notice. In these circumstances the owner/occupier must request a variation in writing to the Shire of Moora no later than 1 October.

The Shire withholds the right to accept or reject the proposed variation.

NOTE: If the variation request is not approved then the applicant must comply with all requirements of this notice prior to 1 November.

Compliance inspections will be carried out by Fire Control Officers as of 1 November annually under the authority of the *Bush Fire Act 1954*.

Gavin Robins
Chief Executive Officer