



SHIRE OF CHITTERING

BUSH FIRES REGULATIONS 1954

REGULATION 24C – NOTICE TO BAN THE USE OF ENGINES, VEHICLES, PLANT OR MACHINERY LIKELY TO CAUSE A BUSH FIRE WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN IS DECLARED

(commonly referred to as Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans)

I, Graham Furlong, an authorised Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Chittering hereby declare a ban on the use or operation of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery **from 08:00hrs until 17:00hrs, Thursday, 21 December 2023**, for the whole of the Shire of Chittering.

ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN

(The following are not permitted once a ban is in place under regulations 24C, 38A – these are not optional).

- Harvesting operations are not permitted.
- All off-road activity is banned, regardless of whether it is for agricultural purposes or work being conducted by business, industry and public authorities.
- Off-road includes areas such as paddocks, bushland, uncleared land and land with stubble or long grass refer to regulation 24ZH(2)(b) of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.
- Off-road activity includes the use of anything activated by an **internal combustion engine** being used off-road e.g. motor bikes, quad bikes, excavators, chain saws, ride on lawn mowers and generators.

ACTIVITIES PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN

(The following are permitted as per the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 and cannot be banned)

1. Use or operation of any vehicle on “gazetted roads”, lanes, driveways, yards or other areas that provide access to, or a parking facility at, any residential, farming or business premises, if the area has been sufficiently cleared of inflammable material to prevent the escape of fire (regulation 24A(3) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
2. Use or operation of a vehicle for the prevention of an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock, and only if all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the activity from creating a bush fire danger. (regulation 24A(4) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
3. Off-road activity for urgent work carried out by an essential service can continue, but only when the prescribed conditions in Division 9 of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* are complied with. Urgent works, in relation to the provision of an essential service, means repairs or maintenance necessary for the continued provision, or restoration, of the service. **Essential services:** *water supply, sewerage or drainage services; electricity or gas services; telecommunications services; public transport services and rubbish collection or disposal services.*

Graham Furlong
Bush Fire Risk Officer
Shire of Chittering
20 December 2023