

Bush Fire Control

Policy Owner:	Development Services
Person Responsible:	Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Community Emergency Services Manager Ranger
Date of Approval:	November 2005
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Objective

- To minimise the risk of out of control fires
- To minimise damage from fires
- To control burning within the Shire
- To ensure fire fighters receive adequate training
- To carry out the Shire's statutory obligations under the ***Bush Fires Act 1954***

Policy

The Council of the Shire of Chittering is to establish and maintain a Bush Fire Organisation in accordance with the ***Bush Fires Act 1954*** to provide adequate fire protection to those areas of the local government within the bush fire district and to carry out an ongoing program of hazard reduction having due regard at all times for the preservation of the natural environment.

Harvesting, Movement of Machinery and Burning

The Shire of Chittering will not permit harvesting operations including stubble processing:

- when the Shire has declared a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban including any hot works activities, or
- on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

The Shire of Chittering **will permit** harvesting operations including stubble processing during the Restricted and Prohibited period (including on Sundays and public holidays) on the following conditions:

- The Local Fire Control Officer is notified.
- That a fully operational fire-fighting unit (inclusive of associated pump, hose system and a minimum of 600 litres of water is present at all times.
- Two able-bodied adult people are to be present during the harvesting operations; only one of whom may be harvesting.