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PERMIT CONDITIONS FOR PATCHING OUT AND FIRE/ DUMP HARROWING	IS034
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Burning Season 15 February 2018 to 30 April 2018

- a) **A genuine attempt must be made to burn off as per the burning off of broad acres, prior to patching out, fire/ dump harrowing being carried out.**
- b) That the land immediately around the relevant land must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least four metres. A four metre fuel break must be put in place surrounding any trees within the proposed burn off.
- c) A minimum of two able bodied persons to control the fire plus a fire unit (mobile water pump and hoses) with a minimum of 500 litres of water to extinguish a fire must be present at the site of the fire from the time it is lit to the time it is completely extinguished.

(Able bodied person – a person who is competently able to drive a vehicle and operate a pump and hose)
- d) The permit holder **must** validate the permit prior to lighting up by notifying an office of Council. The permit holder can notify Council the details of the burn online via Councils web site from any time after 5pm on the day prior to the proposed burn. The permit holder can also notify Council by phoning/personally attending council on the day of the burn. Each proposed burn off location needs a separate validation. There is no need to contact a CFS Brigade/Officer.
- e) That the holder of the permit must, no more than seven days, and no less than two hours, before the fire is lighted, give notice of their intention to light the fire-
 - i) to any person who owns, occupies or is in charge of land adjoining, **including opposite roadways**, the land holding where the relevant land is situated, and who resides within 8 kilometres of the relevant land or if it is not reasonably practicable to give such notice, to the person in charge of the nearest police station;
 - ii) if the relevant land is within two kilometres of a government reserve - to the person in charge of the reserve.
- f) Patching out, fire/ dump harrowing is only permitted between the hours of 9.00am-9.00pm Monday to Friday. **No burning is permitted on Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays.**
- g) If the fire escapes or appears to be out of control, immediately phone 000 for assistance.
- h) **No burning shall occur when the local Fire Danger Index exceeds 35.**

NOTE: Before lighting, current and predicted weather conditions must be seriously considered as well as being mindful of wind direction on the day of the burn and the following day so as not to create a smoke hazard to road users or nuisance to townships.

Section 81 (13) of the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005

"The fact that the holder of a permit has complied with the conditions of the permit does not itself relieve the holder from liability for any loss or damage caused by a fire lit under the authority of a permit."

FAILING TO COMPLY WITH ANY PERMIT CONDITION MAY RESULT IN THE PERMIT BEING REVOKED AND A \$315 EXPIATION NOTICE BEING ISSUED.