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[**Policy Purpose**](#Bookmark1)

The *Bush Fires Act, 1954*, requires a Local Government to produce an annual order (hereafter referred as Fire Control Order) pursuant to *Section 33* of the *Act*. The Fire Control Order allows the Local Government to specify measures a property owner/occupier is required to undertake to prevent the occurrence and spread of a bushfire.

[**Policy Statement**](#Bookmark2)

The purpose of this Policy is to ensure all affected landholders are treated equitably and the process of inspecting firebreaks by a Fire Control Officer is completed in a coordinated and risk based approach.

1. The priority of inspection is;
2. Property within areas zoned rural by the Metropolitan Region Scheme;
3. all land within the specified Bushfire Prone Areas; and
4. all other land.
5. If works prescribed within the Order are not completed by the date specified within the Order an Infringement and Work Order will be issued.
6. If after 14 days (from date of infringement), the owner still does not comply with the Work Order in its entirety, the Fire Control Officer will infringe a second time and will arrange for the completion of works pursuant to the Order. All associated costs are to be borne by the land owner.
7. The City advises appointed contractors that extensions in time will not be allowed in accordance with (3) above.

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| [Strategic Link](#Bookmark3" \o "Strategic Link – outline the Informing Strategy, Framework or Plan to provide a link to the Community Strategic Plan. Refer to the Category Index for guidance): | Bushfire Risk Management Plan |
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