

Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

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

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;
 - (1) Property within areas zoned rural by the Metropolitan Region Scheme;
 - (2) all land within the specified Bushfire Prone Areas; and
 - (3) all other land.
- (2) If works prescribed within the Order are not completed by the date specified within the Order an Infringement and Work Order will be issued.
- (3) 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.
- (4) The City advises appointed contractors that extensions in time will not be allowed in accordance with (3) above.

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