

## **FUEL LOAD NOTICE 2023/2024**

### **Notice to all property owners and occupiers within the Town of Bassendean**

Pursuant to Section 33 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, you are hereby advised that you are required to comply with all of the below requirements.

- On or before 31 October 2023 or within 14 days of becoming the owner or occupier after 31 October 2023:
  - The whole of the land be cleared of all flammable material, to the satisfaction of the Fire Control Officer;
  - All dry grass on the land be maintained to a height no greater than 10cm;
  - Roofs, gutters and walls of all buildings on the land are free of flammable material; and
  - Wood piles and similar materials achieve a minimum 3m cleared distance around it.
- That the property be maintained in accordance with all of the above requirements until 31 March 2024.

'Flammable material' is defined for the purpose of this notice to include any mineral, vegetable, substance, object, thing or matter that may, or is likely to, catch fire and burn, or any other thing deemed by the Fire Control Officer to be capable of combustion. It does not include green standing trees, growing bushes or plants and gardens or lawns under cultivation.

#### Penalties

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of up to \$5,000.

If the works are not carried out by 31 October 2023, authorised officers of the Town, along with any people and equipment as deemed necessary, may enter the land to carry out the works. The landowner is liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay all costs for performing the works directed in this notice.

#### Variations

If it is considered impracticable to remove flammable material from the land, as required by this notice, please submit a written application via [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or to PO Box 87, Bassendean WA 6934, by 13 October 2023 for permission to take alternative action to mitigate the fire hazard. Until written permission is received from the Town, compliance with this notice is required. Any variation shall be for one year only.

#### Relevant Information and further queries

Please note that burning of any garden material within the district is prohibited at all times, in accordance with the notice published in the Government Gazette.

If you have any further queries about this Notice, please contact the Town's Rangers via [mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au](mailto:mail@bassendean.wa.gov.au) or 9377 7480.

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