

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK

BUSH FIRES REGULATIONS 1954

REGULATION 38A – NOTICE TO BAN THE USE OF ENGINES, VEHICLES, PLANT OR MACHINERY LIKELY TO CAUSE A BUSH FIRE DURING THE RESTRICTED AND PROHIBITED BURNING TIMES

(Commonly referred to as Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans)

I, Benjamin Thompson, an authorised Chief Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Boyup Brook, hereby declare a ban on the use or operation of engines, vehicles, plant, or machinery for **Friday, 20th January 2025** between the hours of **0900 (9am)** and **1800 (6pm)** or until further notice for the whole of the Shire of Boyup Brook. This Ban will be reviewed at **1800 (6pm), 24 Jan 2025** at which time further advice will be issued.

ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE BAN

- Harvesting operations are not permitted.
- Any off-road activity is banned, unless it is for watering of livestock, or permitted work being conducted by business, industry and public authorities. (See permitted activities below for conditions).
- Off-road includes areas such as paddocks, bushland, uncleared land and land with stubble or long grass.
- Off-road activity includes the use of anything activated by an internal combustion engine used off-road e.g., motor bikes, quad bikes, excavators, chain saws, ride on lawn mowers and generators.

ACTIVITIES PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THE BAN

1. Use or operation of any vehicle on “gazetted roads”, lanes, driveways, yards or other areas that provide access to, or a parking facility at, any residential, farming or business premises, if the area has been sufficiently cleared of inflammable material to prevent the escape of fire.
2. Use or operation of a vehicle for the prevention of an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock, and only if all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the activity from creating a bush fire danger.
3. Off-road activity for urgent work carried out by an essential service can continue, but only when the prescribed conditions in Division 9 of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954 are complied with. Urgent work, in relation to the provision of an essential service, means repairs or maintenance necessary for the continued provision, or restoration, of the service. Essential services: water supply, sewage or drainage services; electricity or gas services; telecommunications services; public transport services and rubbish collection or disposal services.
4. The Chief Bush Fire Control Officer can vary and make allowances to these conditions by agreement.
5. Other conditions/activities as identified by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer:
 - a. Maintaining green reticulated lawns that have a running water source that can reach the area.
 - b. Any other conditions or variance authorised by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Chief Bush Fire Control Officer Shire of Boyup Brook

