

SHIRE OF BOYUP BROOK

BUSH FIRES REGULATIONS 1954

REGULATION 24C – NOTICE TO BAN THE USE OF ENGINES, VEHICLES, PLANT OR MACHINERY LIKELY TO CAUSE A BUSH FIRE WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN IS DECLARED (commonly referred to as *Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans*)

I, Benjamin Thompson, the 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 16 January 2026** between the hours of **1200hrs (12pm)** and **1700hrs (5pm)** for the whole of the Shire of Boyup Brook. This Ban will be reviewed at **1700hrs (5pm)** at which time further advice may be issued.

ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN

(The following are not permitted once a ban is in place under regulation 24C – these are not optional).

- Harvesting operations are not permitted.
- All off-road activity is banned, regardless of whether it is for agricultural purposes or work being conducted by business, industry and public authorities.
- Off-road includes areas such as paddocks, bushland, uncleared land and land with stubble or long grass refer to regulation 24ZH(2)(b) of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.
- Off-road activity includes the use of anything activated by an **internal combustion engine** being used off-road e.g. motor bikes, quad bikes, excavators, chain saws, ride on lawn mowers and generators.

ACTIVITIES PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN

*(The following are permitted as per the *Bush Fire Regulations 1954* and cannot be banned)*

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 (regulation 24A(3) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
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. (regulation 24A(4) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
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 works, 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, sewerage or drainage services; electricity or gas services; telecommunications services; public transport services and rubbish collection or disposal services.



Benjamin Thompson
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