



DECLARATION OF LOCAL FIRE BAN

PROHIBITION ON THE LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FIRES IN THE OPEN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 86A and Section 86E of the *Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, the current fire conditions have been assessed and with due regard to the weather forecasts issued by the Bureau of Meteorology a Local Fire Ban is hereby imposed as described below.

A prohibition on lighting fires in the open applies for the period from **2359 hrs Thursday 05 September 2019 to 2359 hrs on Friday 4 October 2019** in the fire ban areas specified hereunder:

This Local Fire Ban is imposed over all parts of the following Local Government Areas of:

BUNDABERG Regional Council
NORTH BURNETT Regional Council
CHERBOUGH Aboriginal Shire Council
SOUTH BURNETT Regional Council
FRASER COAST Regional Council
GYMPIE Regional Council
SUNSHINE COAST Regional Council
NOOSA SHIRE Council

All Permits to Light Fire previously issued in the local fire ban area (with some exemptions for essential purposes) are hereby cancelled.

Superintendent Peter Hollier
Chief Fire Warden
Rural Fire Service
North Coast Region
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
(As delegate for the Commissioner)

Information on Fire Bans and the exemptions that can apply to a ban of the lighting of fires in the open can be found on the Rural Fire Service Queensland website. www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS APPLY:

1. Fires lit for the purpose of cooking are permitted provided they are not left unattended and are in compliance with the following:
 - a. within a properly constructed receptacle such as a barbeque or pizza oven (gas or wood fired);
 - b. the fire cannot escape or cause embers to drift;
 - c. there must be a fire extinguisher available (garden hose or fire extinguisher) .

2. Fires lit for the purpose of providing warmth are permitted between 1800 hrs to 0600 hrs provided they are not left unattended and are in compliance with the following:
 - a. lit within a properly constructed receptacle, such as fire pits and braziers;
 - b. are used in suburban back yard;
 - c. are no larger than 1m x 1m x 0.5m;
 - d. there is an extinguisher available (garden hose or fire extinguisher);
 - e. the area is free of vegetation and embers cannot drift from the fire.

This exemption does **not** include bon fires.

NB. Check with your Local Council By-laws

3. Fires lit for the purpose of disposal of animal carcasses are permitted, subject to the issue of a permit by the local Fire Warden.

4. Fires lit for commercial necessity are permitted subject to the issue of a permit to light fire by the Chief Fire Warden.

5. Fires lit for the purpose of burning standing sugar cane for harvest in accordance with the established practice of the industry. The burning of standing cane is permitted between 1800 hrs and 0500 hrs (6pm and 5am) the following day once a permit to burn has been obtained from the local fire warden for those blocks of cane that require a permit to burn.

6. Fires lit for the purpose of burning tops and trash between the hours of 1800hrs and 0900hrs (6.00pm and 9.00am) once a permit to burn has been obtained from the local fire warden for those blocks of cane that require a permit to burn.

7. Fires lit in accordance with the provisions of Section 86A of the *Queensland Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, Part 6 Sections 53 Powers of authorised officer in dangerous situations and 55 Powers of authorised fire officer for preventative or Investigative purposes.

Note: Power tools including lawn mowers and mechanical slashers may be used, however the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services encourages people to use these with extreme care and to ensure that adequate equipment is available to extinguish any fire that may start. This could include having a person available to watch out for any ignitions that occur.