



SMOKE GUIDELINES

FOR SMOKE MANAGEMENT FROM BURNING WHICH REQUIRES A PERMIT UNDER THE BUSH FIRES ACT 1954.

Permit to Burn should NOT be issued where:

- Burning green waste near residential areas is likely to cause a smoke nuisance to neighbours.
- Large piles of green waste are likely to cause smoke problems because conditions may change during the burning.
- Large piles of material may not be completely burnt by the end of the day, or may smoulder overnight.
- Petroleum products (tyres, plastics etc.) chemicals and similar materials (which can cause excessive black smoke and toxic gasses) are included in the material to be burned.
- Burning is not allowed under the Local Government Local Law or zoning requirement, where particular activities are not allowed in certain parts of the Local Government area.
- The waste is on or has come from a land development site greater than 200m² (e.g. clearing prior to subdivision of land) unless authorised by the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

Permits to burn include a notice advising:

- "The approval to burn does not allow you to breach the requirements of the Health Act 1911, Environment Protection Act 1986 or any other relevant legislation. It is an offence to cause a smoke nuisance to persons and to cause pollution with excessive smoke. It is an offence to burn tyres, plastic, chemicals and other similar materials which could produce thick smoke and toxic gasses".

In regards to the following questions if the answer to any are “NO” then either:

- Appropriate action needs to be taken; or
 - The application for a Permit to Burn should be declined.
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Is the material to be burned free of plastics, tyres, chemicals, containers? Yes No

Is material arranged such that the fire can be easily extinguished if problems arise? e.g. in rows rather than in a big pile? Yes No

Is material arranged in small lots so that the fire will be extinguished by the end of the day? Yes No

Is the pile of material arranged so that sufficient air can enter the pile to allow clean burning? Yes No

Are the weather conditions likely to disperse smoke readily and away from neighbours? Yes No

Is the material dry/brown? Yes No

Do zoning requirements and local laws permit burning activities here? Yes No

Have the neighbours been advised? Yes No

Is the material free of animal manure? Yes No

Has the permit application been given a copy of the “Smoke Guidelines” which requires a permit under the Bush Fires Act 1954? Yes No