

SMOKE GUIDELINES

For Permit Holder

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

A permit to burn should NOT be issued where:

- Burning green or wet waste 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 burned 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 laws 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 202m2 (e.g. clearing prior to subdivision of land) unless authorisation 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 regard to the following questions if the answer to any are "NO", then

- Appropriate action needs to be taken

1. Is the material to be burned free of plastics, tyres, chemicals, containers?	YES / NO
2. Is material to be burned arranged such that the fire can be easily extinguished if problems arise? E.g. in rows rather than in a big pile?	YES / NO
3. Is material arranged in small lots so that the material will burn away by the time specified in the permit	YES / NO
4. Are piles of material arranged so that sufficient air can enter the pile to allow clean burning? I.e. not full of sand.	YES / NO
5. Are the weather conditions likely to disperse smoke readily and away from neighbours?	YES / NO
6. Is the material dried out and "cured"?	YES / NO
7. Do requirements and local laws permit burning activities here? I.e. not full of sand	YES / NO
8. Have the neighbours been advised?	YES / NO
9. Is the material free of animal manure?	YES / NO