

BUSHFIRE

FIREBREAKS

Due 18th October

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What is a Firebreak?

A firebreak is a **strip of land** that has been cleared of all trees, shrubs, grass or other flammable materials to allow **access for firefighting vehicles** to all areas of your property, and act as a barrier to help stop or slow a low-intensity fire.



Do I need a Firebreak?

Short Answer: YES

Long Answer: PURSUANT to the powers contained in Section 33 of the Bushfire Act 1954, you are hereby required to have a fire break clear of all inflammable material on:

- **Townsite land** 0.40ha or less, the whole of the property is to be cleared of flammable material,
- **Vacant land** 0.40ha and over require a 2m firebreak, and
- **Rural land** must have boundary and internal firebreaks of 3m.

Inspections will commence following 18th October, including aerial for rural land.

Fines may be issued for no compliance.

PREPAREDNESS TOWNSITES

Tall dead grass must be slashed and removed from the whole of a property. Vacant blocks over 0.4ha require a 2m boundary firebreak.



Woodpiles/fuel storage areas/ garden refuse piles and green power domes must have a perimeter firebreak.



Cleared



MONTH AUGUST

RURAL

3 meter wide clearance to mineral earth (clear of any shrubs, grass or other flammable material).

Additional **0.5m gap** on either side. Should be able to walk/drive over it.

Height of 4 meters of overhanging branches to prevent blocked access of firefighting vehicles.

