

BLANKET APPROVAL TO BURN DEAD AND DRY VEGETATION ONLY (PILE BURNING)

PURSUANT TO S. 13(2) OF THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT OPERATIONS (CLEAN AIR) REGULATION 2010, NARRABRI SHIRE COUNCIL GRANTS APPROVAL TO BURN DEAD AND DRY VEGETATION TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

Persons to whom this Approval is granted

Owners and occupiers of land with an area of not less than 4000m² and zoned Primary Production (RU1), Forestry (RU3), Primary Production Small Lots (RU4), Villages (RU5), Environmental Management (E3) under the Narrabri Local Environmental Plan 2012 as at the date of publication of this Notice.

To determine if your property is within these zonings, contact Narrabri Shire Council on (02) 6799 6866. Should your property be outside of these zones, application to burn may be made on a case by case basis. See the application for burning permit assessment process on Council's website or call to obtain details on how to do this. The approval is giving permission under the Clean Air Regulation 2010, and is not giving permission to light a fire. The manager or owner of the land is to seek additional information from the NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) or NSW Fire and Rescue (FRNSW) about approvals required to light a fire.

BUSH FIRE DANGER PERIOD

During the Bushfire Danger Period (usually 1 October to 31 March), a Fire Permit must be obtained from the Rural Fire Service for open burning anywhere in a Rural Fire District. FRNSW issues Permits to light a fire within its jurisdiction all year round.

NO BURN DAYS or TOTAL FIRE BANS

No open burning can be undertaken on declared 'No Burn Days' (related to air pollution) or 'Total Fire Bans' (related to bush fire safety) that may be declared. This approval is suspended on such days. It is the responsibility of the approval holder to identify whether one of these days is occurring prior to lighting their fire. Penalties apply for non-compliance.

Conditions of Approval

1. Only vegetation that grew on the land on which the burning is to be undertaken may be burnt pursuant to this approval. Material forming piles to be burnt must only consist of vegetation material that has originated from the process of maintaining existing cleared or landscape areas. No other material is permitted to be burnt with vegetation burnt pursuant to this policy.
2. Only one pile of vegetation may be burnt on any parcel of land at one time.
3. The fire must not exceed 4 metres in diameter and 1.5 metres in height.
4. An open fire must be undertaken at least 20 metres away from any dwelling, other building or unmanaged vegetation.
5. All combustible material within 4.5 metres of the fire must be removed.
6. An open fire must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times, until completely extinguished.

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7. Adequate supply of water and firefighting equipment in good working order is to be immediately on hand to ensure the pile burn can be immediately extinguished, if necessary for fire safety or nuisance concerns.
8. You must also notify any adjoining neighbours (including those separated by a road, lane or waterway) at least 24 hours before burning. Your neighbours may be exposed to the smoke from your burn and may need to make preparations to avoid any negative impacts.
9. Burning should only take place when weather conditions are suitable, with winds under 19km/h and predicted to remain so. If the winds speed increases during the burning, the burning is to be terminated by the immediate extinguishment of the fire.
10. Burning must not cause nuisance to neighbours or a smoke hazard to traffic.
11. Activities must be undertaken in accordance with the "Standard for pile burning" https://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0012/13323/Standards-for-Pile-Burning.pdf with the exception of pile size, where condition 2 of this approval prevails.
12. Any residue waste from the burning must be disposed of in an environmentally satisfactory manner and in accordance with Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005. On completion of the burn, the burnt area must be maintained in a condition that minimises or prevents the emission of dust and prevents sediment or ash from fires being washed from the area into surrounding waterways (natural or constructed).
13. For properties within the RFS Jurisdiction land managers/owners must notify their local RFS not less than 24 hours prior to an intended burn.
14. For properties within the FRNSW Jurisdiction land managers/owners must notify FRNSW after Councils approval has been granted and not less than 24 hours prior to an intended burn.

Other Provisions

Approval to burn under this notice is only for the purpose of disposal of dead and dry vegetative material through pile burning. Vegetative material must consist only of that which grew on the prescribed parcel of land during the normal use of the land. Council cannot approve any other type of burning different from the burning of dead and dry vegetation. This notice of approval does not mean approval to burn for any other purpose. The following activities are except of council approval under the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010:

- hazard reduction burning of the land;
- land clearing;
- disposal of vegetation cleared in accordance with a development consent under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)
- burn the land for bush fire hazard reduction; and/or
- approval to burn non-vegetative waste.

It is the manager/landowner responsibility to comply with all the conditions in this notice of approval. This approval does not remove the necessity, or exempt the person from the requirement, to obtain relevant permits or licences under other legislation including the Rural Fires Act 1997, Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 and Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.