

# Bush Fire Control

## Roadside/Verge Burning

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### Objective

To set out the circumstances where roadside verges within the Shire of Koorda (“the Shire”) may be burn for the purposes of fire protection.

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### Policy

Requests are received from time to time to undertake protective burning on roadside verges within the Shire.

No authority is given for any Brigade Fire Control Officer to allow the burning of roadside verges.

No authority can be given by a Shire Officer or Fire Control Officer to burn roadside verges that are not under the control of the Shire, unless written approval has been received from the controlling body.

The Chief Executive Officer, or further delegated Shire Officer are authorised to issue burning permits for hazard reduction along road verges only after:

- A site assessment carried out by a by a suitably qualified and/or experienced Shire Officer. The assessment will take into consideration the environmental impact on the road verge, the potential hazard the verge would pose in the event of bush fire and the weather patterns and forecasts for that time of year.
- Approved Traffic Management Plan if required.

Permits issued pursuant to the above subsection are to state the measures that must be taken to prevent damage to native vegetation along the verge, acceptable weather conditions and other normal permit conditions. The Fire Control Officer of the area is to be advised prior to any burning occurring.

That the use of chemical sprays for bush fire hazard reduction on roadside verges within the municipality be prohibited unless approved by the Works Supervisor.

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### Related Documents (Legislation/Local Law/Policy/Procedure/Delegation)

*Bush Fires Act 1954* [s.38(5A)]

Shire of Koorda Delegation Register - Delegation 6.7 [function 2]

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### Review History

Date	Council Resolution	Description of review/amendment
18/06/2025	RES: 040625	V1.0. Minor wording update.
19/07/2000		Adoption of former Policy B13 Bushfire - Roadside Burning