

## SHIRE OF MINGENEW

### BUSH FIRES REGULATIONS 1954

#### **REGULATION 24C – NOTICE TO BAN THE USE OF ENGINES, VEHICLES, PLANT OR MACHINERY LIKELY TO CAUSE A BUSH FIRE WHEN A TOTAL FIRE BAN IS DECLARED**

*(commonly referred to as Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans)*

I, **Murray Thomas**, an authorised Bush Fire Control Officer of the Shire of Mingenew hereby declare a ban on the use or operation of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery for Tuesday, 19 December 2023 for the whole of the Shire of Mingenew.

#### **ACTIVITIES NOT PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN**

*(The following are not permitted once a ban is in place under regulation 24C – these are not optional).*

- Harvesting operations are not permitted.
- All off-road activity is banned, regardless of whether it is for agricultural purposes or work being conducted by business, industry and public authorities.
- Off-road includes areas such as paddocks, bushland, uncleared land and land with stubble or long grass refer to regulation 24ZH(2)(b) of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*.
- Off-road activity includes the use of anything activated by an **internal combustion engine** being used off-road e.g. motor bikes, quad bikes, excavators, chain saws, ride on lawn mowers and generators.

#### **ACTIVITIES PERMITTED DURING THE PERIOD OF THIS BAN**

*(The following are permitted as per the Bush Fire Regulations 1954 and cannot be banned)*

1. Use or operation of any vehicle on “gazetted roads”, lanes, driveways, yards or other areas that provide access to, or a parking facility at, any residential, farming or business premises, if the area has been sufficiently cleared of inflammable material to prevent the escape of fire (regulation 24A(3) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
2. Use or operation of a vehicle for the prevention of an immediate and serious risk to the health or safety of a person or livestock, and only if all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent the activity from creating a bush fire danger. (regulation 24A(4) *Bush Fires Regulations 1954*).
3. Off-road activity for urgent work carried out by an essential service can continue, but only when the prescribed conditions in Division 9 of the *Bush Fires Regulations 1954* are complied with. Urgent works, in relation to the provision of an essential service, means repairs or maintenance necessary for the continued provision, or restoration, of the service. **Essential services:** *water supply, sewerage or drainage services; electricity or gas services; telecommunications services; public transport services and rubbish collection or disposal services.*

Signed:



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