

# Shire of Esperance

## Application for Variation to a Fire-break



Term of variation being applied for:    1 Year        3 Years   

**This application must be received by the Shire of Esperance no later than 24<sup>th</sup> September.**

### APPLICANT DETAILS

Name of Applicant			
Postal Address			
Phone (Home)		Phone (Mobile)	
Email Address			

In accordance with the conditions of the Shire of Esperance Fire Hazard Reduction Notice, I hereby apply for permission to provide fire-breaks in alternative positions.

<b>SIGNATURE of APPLICANT</b>		Date	
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### PROPERTY DETAILS

Lot No	Street No	Street
Locality		
Brigade Area		

### OWNER DETAILS (IF DIFFERENT TO APPLICANT)

Name of Owner			
<b>SIGNATURE of OWNER</b>		Date	

### DETAILS OF PROPOSED VARIATION

<input type="checkbox"/>	Please attach a map to suitable scale, (hand sketched will be adequate) showing property boundaries, bush areas, cleared areas, paddocks, roads/tracks, fire-breaks, dwellings, buildings, other value areas and water sites.
Why do you wish to take alternative fire protection measures on your property? For example: for protection of flora/fauna, soil erosion, block not suitable.	
Details of the area of the property that you are applying to have alternative measures in place. For example: North boundary is too steep and rocky to have a fire-break directly on the boundary	
Detail the actual alternative measures that you intend to take to prevent the spread of fire. For example: Alternative fire-breaks, hazard reduction with details, mechanically use of natural features. Show on map wherever possible.	

<p>Details of authorities you have consulted or sought advice from for the formulation of your Firebreak Variation Plan. For example: Fire Control Officer, DFES, Agriculture Department</p>	
<p>What environmental implications, if any, is the work likely to cause? For example: soil erosion, dieback spread, other.</p>	
<p>Will the proposed variation have implications on the fire protection of neighbouring properties, life or values? If so, what are these?</p>	
<p>Please list any further information you think may be relevant to this variation application.</p>	

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Initial Assessment: the initial assessment will be undertaken by an Authorised Shire of Esperance Officer.
2. Consultation with Local Area Brigade: your local Bush Fire Brigade Captain will be asked to provide advice on the application's details.
3. Consultation with neighbouring property owners: surrounding neighbours will be given the opportunity to lodge submissions regarding the application.
4. Ranger Services recommendation.
5. Notification of outcome: after consideration has been given the applicant will be notified of the outcome.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

**APPROVED**

Yes

No

Please note: If approval is not granted you must comply with the requirements of the Shire of Esperance Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.

Additional conditions			
<b>NAME OF AUTHORISED OFFICER</b>			
<b>SIGNATURE OF AUTHORISED OFFICER</b>		Date	

# Information for Applicant

## WHY APPLY?

The Following guidelines are acceptable categories for which a variation to the Shire of Esperance Fire Hazard Reduction Notice may be applied for:

1. The topography makes the normal placement of a trafficable firebreak impracticable or dangerous and alternative fire-break, emergency access or fire prevention methods that meet the intention of this notice are provided and demonstrated.
2. The topography/composition makes the normal methods impracticable (cap stone, rocky or waterlogged) and alternative fire-break, emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of this notice are provided and demonstrated.
3. An approved Fire Management Plan for the property is in place and being conformed to and meets the intention of the Fire Hazard Reduction notice.
4. The fire-break variation only applies to a portion of the property that is reticulated lawn that is kept green and it can be demonstrated that it is maintained.
5. Cleared access is provided to enable emergency services access to buildings and all parts of the property.
6. Fire-breaks may be allowed in alternative locations to negate natural obstructions and to allow for access.
7. Where clearing for fire management in accordance with specific provisions of the Local Planning Scheme.
8. Where clearing is likely to impact upon areas of declared rare flora or environmentally sensitive areas as defined under the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- All requests are to be submitted in writing on this application form.
- Applications must be received by the Shire of Esperance by 24<sup>th</sup> September.
- All submissions must be made by the land owner or by a person authorised to act on their behalf.
- The authorising officer has the right to grant, refuse, alter or add any conditions to an application.
- Failure to comply within the timeframes provided by the authorised officer will result in the refusal of the application.
- If an application is not approved the owner has fourteen (14) days in which to comply with the normal requirements of the Shire's Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.