

Application – Variation to a Firebreak

Bush Fires Act 1954

This application must be received by the Shire of Esperance by **24 September**.

Applicant Details

Full Name

Contact Number

Address

Postal Address (if
different from above)

Email

In accordance with the conditions of the Shire of Esperance Fire Hazard Reduction Notice, I hereby apply for permission to install firebreaks in alternative positions, and I have included a map indicating the proposed variations and showing relevant property details.

Signature Applicant

Date

Property Details

Lot No

Street No

Street Name

Locality

Brigade Area

Owner Details (if different from applicant)

Full Name

Contact Number

Email

Signature Owner

Date

Details of Requested Variation

Term of Requested Variation

☐ 1 Year

☐ 3 Years

Please attach a map to suitable scale (hand sketched will be adequate) showing property boundaries, bush areas, cleared areas, paddocks, roads/tracks, firebreaks, dwellings, buildings, other value areas and water sites.

What is the reason for your requested variation? For example: protection of flora/fauna, soil erosion, block not suitable.

Details of the area of the property for which you are requesting alternative measures. For example: North boundary is too steep and rocky to install a firebreak.

Detail the actual alternative measures that you intend to take to prevent the spread of fire. For example: Alternative firebreaks, hazard reduction with details, use of landscape features. Indicate on map wherever possible.

Please provide details of authorities from whom you have consulted or sought advice regarding your Firebreak Variation Plan. For example: Shire Ranger, Fire Control Officer, DFES, DBCA.

Please state any environmental implications this work may cause. For example: soil erosion, dieback spread, other.

Will the proposed variation have implications on the fire protection of neighbouring properties, life or values? If yes, please specify.

Please list any further information relevant to this application.

Application Requirements / Process

1. All requests for variation of firebreaks must be submitted in writing using the application form and submitted to email: emergencyservices@esperance.wa.gov.au, in person or by post.
2. Application must be received by **24 September**. Late applications will not be considered.
3. Payment of fee. Payment must be received for the application to proceed to assessment.
4. Application must be submitted by the landowner or by a person authorised to act on their behalf.
5. Assessment will be undertaken by an Authorised Shire of Esperance Officer.
6. Due to the restricted timeframes for assessment, an applicant has 5 business days to respond to any further information requests. Failure to respond within 5 business days may result in the application being refused.
7. The Authorised Officer has the right to grant or refuse an application and alter or add any conditions to an application.
8. Failure to comply within timeframes provided by an Authorised Officer will result in the refusal of the application.
9. The Authorised Officer may refer the application to the local Bush Fire Brigade for consideration of the proposed firebreak variation.
10. The Authorised Officer may refer the application to neighbouring properties who may be given the opportunity to lodge a submission regarding the application.
11. Internal referral of the application - this may include Ranger Services, Development Services, or Asset Management.
12. Notification of outcome – approval or refusal of the requested firebreak variation, provided in writing.
13. If an application is not approved or refused, the landowner has 14 days to comply with the requirements in the Fire Hazard Reduction Notice.