

## EXT 022: FIRE MANAGEMENT - ROADSIDE BURNING

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### Objective

To ensure that roadside burning does not take place without the written consent of the Shire of Esperance.

### Policy

Roadside burning shall not take place without the written consent of the Shire.

When examining such applications Shire will:

1. Grant approval only if the burn is to be supervised by the relevant Bushfire Brigade;
2. Only consider the burn as part of a broader fire management plan;
3. Restrict burning to one side of the road only during any one year;
4. Prefer to see that the burn has ecological advantages to the road verge as well as fire hazard abatement;
5. No firebreaks will be permitted to facilitate the burn unless the roadside vegetation strip is greater than 20 metres wide and then only if in Council's opinion the break is necessary for the protection of the roadside vegetation; and the firebreak complies with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004*;
6. Refer the proposal to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation and Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions in the assessment of the application; and
7. Applicant to advise the Shire of actual burning date so that the frequency/heat of burns and therefore estimate the ecological value/disadvantage of burns to individual roadsides can be monitored.

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