



Queensland Fire and Rescue Service, Rural Operations
Department of Community Safety
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DECLARATION OF LOCAL FIRE BAN

PROHIBITION ON THE LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FIRES IN THE OPEN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 86A(1) of the *Queensland Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*, with due regard to the weather forecasts issued by the Bureau of Meteorology the current and predicted fire conditions have been assessed and a Local Fire Ban is being imposed.

A prohibition on lighting fires in the open applies within the fire ban area(s) and for the periods(s) specified hereunder :

The current Local Fire Ban is extended for the whole of the Local Government areas of:

North Burnett, Fraser Coast, South Burnett, Gympie, Cherbourg and Bundaberg

From 0001 Saturday 7th November 2009

To 2359 Monday 9th November 2009

A Local Fire Ban remains in force for the whole of the Local Government areas of:

Whitsunday, Burdekin, Townsville, Charters Towers and Richmond, Mackay, Isacc, Banana, Gladstone and Rockhampton.

From 0001 Tuesday 3rd November 2009

To 2359 Monday 9th November 2009

All Permits to Light Fire previously issued in the local fire ban area are hereby cancelled.

The Fire Ban is imposed with the delegated authority of the Commissioner, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service by:

Paul Adcock

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Paul Adcock AFSM

Chief Superintendent

Rural Operations

Queensland Fire and Rescue Service

Information on Fire Bans and the exemptions that may apply during a ban on the lighting of fires in the open can be found on the Rural Fire Service website. www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au

THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTIONS APPLY:

- The use of gas and electric barbeques are permitted provided they are not left unattended. The use of wood fired barbeques is prohibited.
- Fires for the purpose of disposal of animal carcasses are permitted, subject to the issue of a permit by the local Fire Warden.
- Fires of commercial necessity are permitted subject to the issue of a permit to light fire by the Area Director Rural Operations.
- Fires lit for the purpose of burning standing sugar cane for harvest in accordance with the established practice of the industry.
- Fires lit for the purpose of burning sugar cane tops and trash on cane production land between the hours of 1800hrs and 0600hrs (6.00pm and 6.00am)

Note: Power tools and machinery may be used, however the Queensland Fire and Rescue Service encourages people to use these with extreme care and to ensure that adequate equipment is available to extinguish any fire that may start. This could include having a person available to watch out for any ignitions that occur.

