



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



NOTICE OF PLANNED HAZARD REDUCTION WORKS

13TH September 2021

We wish to advise you that NSW Rural Fire Service (NSWRFS) is planning to conduct Bush Fire Hazard Reduction burning in your local area. The purpose of the burn will be to reduce bush fire fuel levels and provide protection to local community assets. The works are planned to be conducted at;

Kiparra reserve, Dangar Island

The burn will be scheduled for

Weekend of the 18th-19th of September 2021

The operation will depend on suitable weather conditions. If weather conditions are unfavourable on the planned day, *this notice will remain valid* and the burn will be scheduled within the dates listed above. Notifications and updates regarding Hazard Reduction burns are posted to the NSWRFS web site.

INFORMATION & UPDATES:

- Visit the NSW Rural Fire Service web site www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- Call the Bush Fire Information Line **1800 NSW RFS (1800 679 737)**.
- Download the free smart device application 'Fires Near Me NSW'



NOTE: This map is only an indication of the general burn area. Boundaries are not precise.

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Resident Responsibilities:

- **PREPARE AROUND YOUR PROPERTY NOW:** Fire fighters require your help. In order to conduct this essential work, residents immediately adjacent to the burn area are required to conduct property maintenance: Your property should be maintained to reduce the risk of embers causing damage.
- Clear vegetation and leaf litter away from assets such as fences, storage containers, sheds, power poles and machinery. Maintain a clear area near combustible materials such as wood piles.
- Maintain an area of mown grass around residential dwelling & buildings, and clear gutters of leaf debris.

Hazard Reduction Information

Hazard reduction is just one way of preparing for bush fires – it doesn't remove the threat of fire, and it doesn't remove the need for you and your family to be prepared. There are different types of hazard reduction including controlled burning, mechanical clearing like slashing undergrowth, or even reducing the ground fuel by hand.

Smoke

Hazard reduction is an important part of preparing for bush fires. It helps protect people, property and the environment. Fire agencies and land managers work together to minimise the impact of smoke from hazard reduction burning. Controlled burns are planned well in advance. They're planned to have minimal impact on the environment and the community.

While we use the best information and forecasts available, sometimes it's difficult to predict where smoke will spread and what kind of impact it will have on the community.

If you are likely to experience problems relating to smoke, think now about what you'll do.

Safety Precautions During The Burn

- Local residents should keep doors and windows closed to prevent smoke entering homes
- Keep outdoor furniture under cover to prevent ember burns. Retract pool covers to prevent ember damage
- Remove washing from clotheslines
- Ensure pets have a protected area
- Vehicles must slow down, keep windows up, turn headlights on
- Obey the instructions of traffic controllers and emergency services
- Sightseers must keep away from burns for their own safety
- If you have asthma or a lung condition, reduce outdoor activities if smoke levels are high and if shortness of breath or coughing develops, take your reliever medicine or seek medical advice
- Never fly drones or Remote Piloted Aircraft near bush fires or hazard reductions, where aircraft may be operating. Penalties apply.

