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BUSH FIRES ACT 1954
Firebreak Order (Section 33)

Notice to Owners and Occupiers of Land in the Town of Port Hedland

Pursuant to the powers contained in Section 33 of the above Act, Owners and Occupiers of land in the municipality of the Town of Port Hedland shall provide and maintain firebreaks during the firebreak period commencing 1 October in any year concluding on 30 September the following year in accordance with the following—

(a) Townsite Land

Where the area of land is two thousand (2,000) sqm or less, all flammable material from the whole of the land is required to be removed.

Where the area of land is greater than two thousand (2,000) sqm, a firebreak of not less than two (2) metres width, immediately surrounding any buildings or not less than two (2) metres wide inside along and within two (2) metres of the external boundaries of the land is required.

All gardens must be kept free of unnecessary leaves and rubbish. Trees which may be hazardous in the event of a fire should be kept lopped.

(b) Pastoral Lands—Being all land outside the townsite held under pastoral lease. Firebreaks are required to be no less than two (2) metres wide and within three (3) metres of the perimeter of all buildings and/or haystacks or groups of buildings.

(c) Rural Lands—Being all land outside the townsite and not being held under pastoral lease. Firebreaks are required to be not less than four (4) metres wide inside, along and within ten (10) metres of the external boundaries as well as not less than two (2) metres wide within three (3) metres of the perimeter of all buildings and/or haystacks or groups of buildings.

(d) Fuel Dumps and Depots

All flammable material must be removed from land where fuel drum ramps or dumps are located and where fuel drums, whether containing fuel or not, are stored to a distance of at least five (5) metres outside the perimeter of any dump, ramp or stack of drums.

(e) The acts referred to in paragraphs a. - d. hereof must be performed to the satisfaction of any duly authorised officer of the Town of Port Hedland.

(f) Application may be made annually in writing to Council or any duly authorised officer for permission to provide firebreak alternative positions or to take alternative action to abate fire hazards on the land. If permission is not granted by Council or its duly authorised officer you must comply with the requirements of this notice.

If the requirements of this notice are carried out by burning, such burning must comply with the relevant provisions of the Bush Fires Act, and a permit obtained from a Bush Fire Control Officer.

The penalty for failing to comply with this notice is a fine of \$250 by way of an infringement notice or up to \$5000 if prosecuted. A person in default is also liable, whether prosecuted or not, to pay the cost of performing the work directed in this notice, if it is not carried out by the owner or occupier by the date required by this notice.

A. FORD, Chief Executive Officer.

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