



NOTICE OF APPROVAL

**GENERAL APPROVAL TO BURN
(CLEAN AIR) REGULATION 2010**

IN FORCE UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 2021

Wollondilly Shire Council hereby grants general approval for the burning of dead and dry vegetation on all properties within Wollondilly Shire which are greater than 4000 square metres in area and have a housing density of not more than 1 house per 4000 square metres occurring in the following zones of the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011:

Zone No. RU4 (Primary Production Small Lots)
Zone No. RU1 (Primary Production)
Zone No. RU2 (Rural Landscape)
Zone No. E3 (Environmental Management)
Zone No. E4 (Environmental Living)

1. This approval generally remains in force until revoked under declaration of the 2021 Bush Fire period.

Note: Before lighting any fire you must notify the NSW Rural Fire Service on www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/notify and complete the online notification form 24 hours prior to lighting the fire.

(If you have no internet access, please call the Rural Fire Service on 4677 7000 – between the hours of 08:30 and 16:30 Monday to Friday). Staff will be able to assist with completing the form 24 hours prior to lighting the fire. Note the RFS Reference Number appears on the top left hand side – see Parcel Number.

This approval is granted subject to the provisions of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 and the following conditions:

2. **This approval is suspended in the event of a Total Fire Ban being declared or on days where the Fire Danger Rating is VERY HIGH OR ABOVE.**

This approval is suspended in the event that the Department of Environment Climate Change and Water (EPA) declares a "No Burn" day. No new fire may be lit and any fire lit prior to the declaration of the "No Burn" day must not be actively maintained, except where the Fire Control Officer has permitted the fire to be lit for the purpose of Bush Fire Hazard Reduction pursuant to a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan.

3. **This permit is suspended within a Declared Bushfire Danger Periods (Generally 1 October to 31 March, unless extended) Separate approval must also be obtained from NSW Rural Fire Service prior to the lighting of any fire during this period.**
4. Clearing of native vegetation requires written approval from the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Wollondilly Shire Council or NSW Rural Fire

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Service. Such approval must be obtained PRIOR to the commencement of clearing.

5. Only dead and dry vegetation which originated on the property, which is included in this approval, shall be burnt on that property.
6. All fires are to be pile burns where fuel **shall not exceed** 2 cubic metres of dead, dry vegetation. Piles should not be greater than 2m in length or width and must not be greater than 2m high.
7. Logs over 150mm in diameter should not be included in a pile but rather they should be laid on the ground to prevent erosion and provide habitat.
8. Minimum clearance around the pile burn of 4.5m is required on flat land. If unable to move material off slope to flat land, ensure extra clearance in fire break on uphill side of fire (usually 5 x recommended distances for level site).
9. Only one (1) pile may be burnt at any one time. Multiple pile burns may only be conducted by the appropriate Fire Authority.
Burning carried out under this approval requires all practicable means as are necessary to prevent or minimize air pollution. Weather considerations and the potential for smoke to impact on other persons must be taken into account.
10. Only suitable, dead, dry seasoned material is to be burnt. Grass clippings and leaves are not considered suitable due to excessive smoke and alternative methods of disposal should be sought. Note: Tyres, coated wire, paint/solvent containers and residues, timber treated with copper chromium arsenate (CCA) or pentachlorophenol (PCP) are identified by law as specifically prohibited articles.
11. All burning is to be a minimum distance of 20 metres from all buildings or watercourses, appropriate means of extinguishing the fire must be available (refer to "Standards for Pile Burning") and the fire must not be left unattended, it must be supervised at all times by a responsible adult.
12. Within the NSW Fire Brigade districts of Picton and Warragamba, a permit must be obtained from the NSW Fire Brigade prior to the lighting of a fire **at any time of the year**. (Picton: 02 4677 1336) (Warragamba: 02 4774 1222)
13. Immediate neighbours must be notified 24 hrs prior to the lighting of a fire.
14. This approval does not authorize the burning of vegetation that has been cleared for the construction of a shed or dwelling as it is considered part of development. Vegetation that has been removed as part of the development must not be sold from the property.
15. Vegetation stockpiled as a result of clearing carried out under the NSW Rural Fire Service 10/50 Clearing Scheme cannot form part of this General Approval.
16. Hazard Reduction works for an Asset Protection Zone or mapped in a Strategic Fire Advantage Zone are not covered by this General Approval. Applications should be referred to the Rural Fire Service for assessment.

A copy of this approval and any other associated approval (eg: for clearing of native vegetation) must be carried by a person present on site at all times during which the works are being carried out.

PENALTY FOR OFFENCES

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS APPROVAL MAY RESULT IN AN ON THE SPOT FINE OF \$500 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL OR \$1000 FOR A CORPORATION. IN THE EVENT OF A PROSECTUION, THE MAXIMUM PENALTY IS \$5500 FOR AN INDIVIDUAL AND \$11000 FOR A CORPORATION.