



Emergency Services

Bush Fire Control Officer

Appointments

Introduction

Within the Bushfire Brigades, there are various officers appointed by Council to undertake different roles and responsibilities. The persons occupying these positions, although volunteers, are nonetheless officers of the Council and are appointed by the Council (under section 38 of the *Bush Fires Act 1954*) upon their nomination by the Brigade and endorsement by the Bush Fire Advisory Committee.

This policy provides the eligibility criteria for a person to be appointed as a Bush Fire Control Officer.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is:

1. To ensure that a person has the relevant competence and capability necessary to hold the position of Bush Fire Control Officer.
2. To ensure that the competence and capability is maintained by the appointed Bush Fire Control Officer.

Policy statement

1. To be eligible for appointment as a Bush Fire Control Officer a person must have completed the Fire Control Officer course provided by DFES prior to appointment.
2. Nominations of Bush Fire Control Officers are forwarded through the Bush Fire Advisory Committee as a recommendation to Council for appointment.
3. A Bush Fire Control Officer, other than the Chief or Deputy Chief Bush Fire Control Officer, must not issue a Permit to Burn for land within another Bush Fire Brigade district unless mutual agreement exists between the Bush Fire Control Officers concerned.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy is designated to the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer.

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