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Variation Permit Number

Applicant's name _____

Postal address _____

Telephone No _____ **Mobile No** _____

Email _____

I, the applicant consider it impractical to clear or construct firebreaks or carry out other fire prevention work in accordance with the City of Mandurah's Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice ("The Notice") issued pursuant to Section 33 of the Bush fires Act 1954 at;

Lot/Street _____ **No Street** _____

Locality _____ **Property Size** _____ m²

I wish to apply for a variation to the requisitions of the Notice as described below:
(Please provide comments to support the requested variation and a formal plan detailing the alternative fire prevention, measures proposed including photographs of the area.)

Rationale to support a variation: (See Guidelines) _____

Alternative prevention strategies proposed:

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

Please forward this completed form and accompanying photographs of the area declared for a variation to the City of Mandurah, Administration Building, 3 Peel Street (PO Box 210), Mandurah WA 6210 before 1 November. This form can also be lodged by email to **ranger.admin@mandurah.wa.gov.au**

Note: Failure to comply with the requirements of the City of Mandurah First and Final Firebreak and First and Final Fire Notice may result in a \$250 modified penalty (infringement notice) being issued.

The maximum penalty under the Bush Fires Act 1954 for failing to comply with the requisitions of a Notice under Section 33 is a fine of up to \$5000. Additionally, contractors fees and administration costs may also be recovered.

Firebreak Variation Guidelines

The following guidelines are acceptable categories for which a variation to firebreak may be applied for:

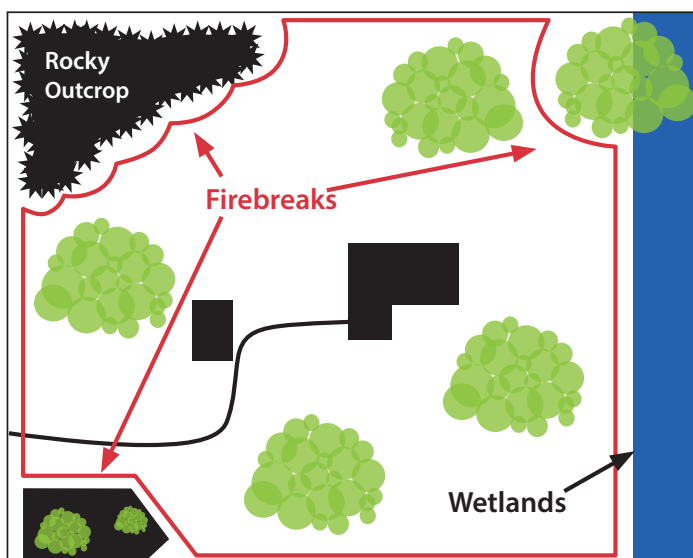
1. The topography makes the normal placement of a firebreak impractical or dangerous and alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the fire break order is provided and demonstrated.
2. The topography/composition makes the normal methods of construction impractical (cap stone, rocky or waterlogged) and alternative firebreak emergency access and fire prevention methods that meet the intention of the firebreak order and is provided and demonstrated.
3. An approved Bushfire Management Plan for the property is in place and being conformed to and meets the intention of the fire break order and is provided and demonstrated.
4. The firebreak variation only applies to a portion of the property that is reticulated lawn that is kept green and it can be demonstrated that it is maintained regularly to less than 40mm from the 18 November through to the 31 May inclusive.
5. The firebreak variation only applies to a portion of the property that is reticulated feed paddocks that is kept green and it can be demonstrated that it is maintained regularly from the 18th November through to the 31st May inclusive.
6. The variation only applies to the portion of the property that has reticulated garden beds, lawn, orchard or other accepted sustained cultivation, unless it is deemed by the Council or its Authorised Officer that the fuel type/ loadings are a hazard. However, there must be a cleared access provided to enable emergency vehicular access to buildings and outbuildings and all parts of the property in accordance with Councils firebreak order.
7. Where permission was previously granted to plant trees, where the firebreak would normally be placed, and placement of the firebreak is in an approved alternative position that affords proper emergency vehicle access and hazard management and prevention principles in accordance with Councils firebreak order.

8. Firebreaks are provided in agreed alternative locations to negate natural obstructions.
9. Constructed driveways may where authorised, substitute for firebreaks as long as it remains trafficable for the firebreak as a whole and is maintained clear of all obstructions and flammable materials at all times in accordance with Councils firebreak order.

All requests must be made by the property owner or person authorised to act upon the owners behalf. Individual requests are required for each property and must be submitted on the approved document/ application form.

The authorising officer has the right to grant, refuse, alter or add any conditions to an application, where alterations or additions are applicable, failure to comply within the timescales provided by the authorised officer will result in the refusal of the application and prosecution as if a firebreak had not been installed in accordance with the Council firebreak order.

Example of Firebreak Variation



Your Illustration of Firebreak Variation here: