

2018/19 FIRE DANGER SEASON

To the owners of a vacant (or rural) land within the District Council of Lower Eyre Peninsula this is a friendly reminder that the Fire Danger Season is fast approaching. Now is the time to take pre-emptive action, to ensure that your block (or land) is cleared prior to the commencement of the Fire Danger Season and is maintained to the required standard for the duration of the season.

At this time of year vegetation can become overgrown, creating fire hazards. In order to reduce the potential danger until the expiry of the Fire Danger Season. The season is normally in force from 1 October in any one year to 30 April the following year but can be altered by the Country Fire Service to take into account climatic conditions.

- If the land is a vacant block under one hectare in area, ***all undergrowth should be maintained at or below 10cm in height***
- If the land is a vacant block over one hectare in area, ***establish and maintain a fuel break around the whole area, placed as near as practicable to the perimeter. The fuel break shall be at least a 5 metre wide strip on which all grass, pest plants and undergrowth is reduced to a maximum of 10 centimetres***

During September Council Fire Prevention Officers will be inspecting properties on our database. Under the *Fire and Emergency Service Act 2005*, Council can issue a legal notice requiring the clearing of land if there is a fire hazard or where the land has the potential at a later date to become a fire hazard. Your early attention to the condition of your block (or land) will ensure no further action is necessary.

The responsibility to have your land cleared rests with you as the owner and if necessary you should contact an appropriate service provider to arrange clearance of the land.

If you have already undertaken undergrowth clearance, thank you. Your assistance with this matter is certainly appreciated. Please remember to maintain your block throughout the Fire Danger Season as additional clearance may be required.