

8.1 Notification of Harvest Bans etc

Introduction

Objective

History	Former Policy	5.1.1
	Adopted	15 April 1996
	Amended	21 June 2000
	Amended	17 October 2007
	Amended	27 July 2011

Policy Statement

1. The CBFCO, Deputy CBFCO, CEO and Deputy CEO are authorised to impose and notify a ban on harvesting and the movement of machinery in paddocks (except for stock watering purposes) when a reading of 32 has been reached on the McArthur Grassland Meter.
2. Fire Control Officers to be appointed by Council in order of seniority are –
 - a) Chief BFCO
 - b) Deputy Chief BFCO
 - c) Other FCOs as appointed by Council
 - d) CEO – for the purpose of issuing permits, imposing and notifying of harvest bans
 - e) ~~DCEO~~ [Manager Corporate Services](#) – for the purpose of issuing permits, imposing and notifying of harvest bans
3. The Kestrel Weather Meter must be used to measure the weather for determining harvest and vehicle movement bans in accordance with the following procedures;
 - a) Air Temperature: The meter must be held in the hand for a minimum of one minute and not exposed to the sun.
 - b) Wind Direction & Speed: The meter must face the wind direction for at least one minute and an average wind speed must be obtained & multiplied by 1.5. ie average wind speed 20kph x 1.5 = 30kph.
 - c) Relative Humidity: The meter must be exposed to the weather for at least a minute to obtain an accurate reading.
4. [The readings taken at the time of calling a harvest and vehicle movement ban be recorded in the Fire Weather Log Book](#)

– End of Policy

COMMENT

Nil