

# Commissioner's Orders



13 August 2014

2014/16

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**CURRENT NATIONAL SECURITY ALERT LEVEL: MEDIUM**

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## POLICIES

### Hazard Reduction Policy

The Hazard Reduction Policy, which has been published on the Intranet Publications page, describes:

- FRNSW participation in bushfire hazard reduction activities in FRNSW fire districts and other districts as required
- The process for requesting, planning, treatment and post treatment of a hazard reduction
- Roles and responsibilities for planning, conducting and assisting in a simple prescribed burn

#### Who needs to read this policy:

All staff should be familiar with the hazard reduction policy, in particular all FRNSW personnel involved in planning, conducting or assisting in a simple prescribed burn, who may conduct a pile burn, or who participate in Bush Fire Management Committees (BFMCs).

#### Rescindments

This policy rescinds:

- In Orders 1998/17, *Fire Services Legislation Amendment Act 1998*, section 2 *Rural Fires Act 1997 – Amendment*
- In Orders 2005/20, *Hazard reduction – pile burns*
- In Orders 2003/20, *Fire permits*, section 4.1 *Hazard reduction burns*
- In Orders 2003/20, *Bushfire hazard reduction certificates*
- Commissioner's Orders 2012/7, *Bushfire Fuel Reduction Works Request eForm and User Guide*
- SOG 3.10, *Prescribed burning*

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## OPERATIONS

### Bush fire danger period 2014/15

The general bush fire danger period for NSW during 2014/15 commences on 1 October 2014 and will stay in force until 31 March 2015.

In the following local government areas the bush fire danger period commences on 1 August 2014.

Armidale Dumaresq*	Tenterfield*
Guyra*	Uralla*
Glen Innes Severn*	Walcha*
Inverell*	Bellingen
Ballina	Byron
Clarence Valley	Coffs Harbour
Gloucester	Great Lakes
Greater Taree	Kempsey
Kyogle	Lismore
Nambucca	Port Macquarie Hastings
Richmond Valley	Tweed

\* Permanent variation

Depending on local fire conditions, some areas may alter or extend the legislated bush fire danger period. A list of areas where the bush fire danger period is in force is available on the [Bush Fire Danger Period and Fire Permits](#) page of the Rural Fire Service website.

### Permits to burn

Under [Section 87](#) of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, people who want to light fires for clearing land or burning fire breaks during a bush fire danger period must obtain a permit. Guidelines for issuing permits are given in In Orders 2003/20, [Fire permits](#). For additional advice contact the Bushfire Section on (02) 8741 4933.

### Restrictions in force during the bush fire danger period

During the bush fire danger period, [clauses 25 to 28](#) of the *Rural Fires Regulation 2013* restrict the lighting of fires for cooking, etc., burning garbage and refuse and lighting, using or carrying tobacco products.

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## Total fire bans

Under Section 99 of the *Rural Fires Act 1997*, the Minister for Police and Emergency Services may prohibit the lighting, maintenance or use of fires in the open air in a particular area or in the whole of NSW. The Minister also has the power to grant exemptions for certain classes of fires and set conditions for their use.

Total fire bans and exemptions are published in the NSW Government Gazette. A link to the NSW Government Gazette is available on the [Total Fire Ban Rules](#) page of the Rural Fire Service website.

Some exemptions require notification of the Rural Fire Service or Fire & Rescue NSW and allow the fire service to make directions or impose conditions, including a direction that the fire not be lit.

<b>Procedures for managing notifications under ...</b>	<b>are available in...</b>
Schedule 3, Fireworks	In Orders 2007/1, <a href="#">Fireworks</a>
Schedule 4, Religious/sacred ceremonies Schedule 9, Disposal of diseased animal carcasses Schedule 14, Building construction/demolition – urgent and essential	In Orders 2007/1, <a href="#">Total fire ban exemptions under schedules 4, 9 and 14</a>
Schedule 16, Hot air balloons	In Orders 2007/6, <a href="#">Total fire ban exemptions – hot air balloons</a>
Schedule 18, any other fire approved by NSW RFS Commissioner	In Orders 2006/28, <a href="#">Consultation on total fire ban exemptions</a>

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## PERMANENT FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

### Appointments

Position	No	Name	Date of Decision	Maximum Fortnightly Salary \$	Actual Fortnightly Salary at Date of Decision
Training Officer Regional and Retained - OS2	7856	C Wilkinson	30.07.14	3780.54	3780.54
Training Officer Regional and Retained - OS2	7727	A Hatch	16.07.14	3780.54	3780.54

### Promotions

#### Station Officer to Inspector

7105	A Erlik	8 August 2014
6406	P Jacobs	8 August 2014

#### Qualified Firefighter to Senior Firefighter

8951	B Wood	13 December 2013
8977	R Fallon	19 May 2014
9291	K Matthews	13 February 2014
9314	C Coughlan	4 January 2014
9325	R Alexander	15 February 2014
9403	I Demetlika	10 October 2014

#### Firefighter Level 2 to Qualified Firefighter

901439	M Everett	18 July 2014
901766	A Haynes	2 July 2014

### Separations

#### Resignation

6912	SF R Radzieta
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#### Retirements

3812	Insp W Buxton AFSM	8 August 2014
4829	SO R Ferguson	8 August 2014
5311	Insp T Boshier AFSM	22 August 2014
7602	QF P Wright	8 August 2014

## RETAINED FIREFIGHTERS NOTICES

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### New members appointed to Brigades

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903549	M Bradley	Walgett	21 July 2014
903550	L Hall	Orange	24 July 2014
903572	D Chester	West Tamworth	25 July 2014
903564	S Row	Coonabarabran	25 July 2014
903599	R Coventry	Bellbird	27 July 2014
903579	N Schroder	Merimbula	30 July 2014
903587	L Squires	Morpeth	31 July 2014
903590	K Carrall	Merriwa	1 August 2014
903586	B Hooson	Kingscliff	1 August 2014
903594	B Hyde	Wellington	1 August 2014
903583	R O'Keefe	Coraki	1 August 2014
903585	L Taylor	Lismore	1 August 2014
903593	B Tyrer	Wellington	1 August 2014
903589	S Walmsley	Walgett	1 August 2014
903600	J Penfold	Goonellabah	6 August 2014
903601	A Waterston	Tweed Heads	8 August 2014
903597	J Spence	Tweed Heads	8 August 2014

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### Appointed to Ranks

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521610	RetF M Daly	Kiama	Deputy Captain	14 July 2014
492037	DCapt R Pursehouse	Wauchope	Captain	18 July 2014
522254	RetF A Johns	Parkes	Deputy Captain	28 July 2014
311044	RetF G Rizzeri	Griffith	Deputy Captain	28 July 2014
900258	RetF P Collins	Ulladulla	Captain	29 July 2014
900776	RetF R Phillips	Moruya	Deputy Captain	1 August 2014
308022	DCapt C Johnson	Grenfell	Captain	3 August 2014

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### Transfers

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522295	RetF G Hawkins	Mudgee	Gulgong	3 July 2014
901142	RetF E Coleman	Bathurst	Mudgee	29 July 2014
522273	RetF L Bedford	Kiama	Thirroul	18 August 2014
900307	RetF B Armstrong	Windsor	Kurri Kurri	4 August 2014
902516	RetF C Swadling	Wyoming	Merewether	4 August 2014

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### Terminations

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902420	RetF J Jones	Batlow	28 March 2014
521655	RetF R Goedee	Moruya	25 June 2014
267039	RetF K Martin	Coraki	14 July 2014

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### Resignations

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521351	RetF C Hayes	Walcha	17 June 2014
902396	RetF J Johnston	Narrabri	1 July 2014
902818	RetF T Rocha	Cardiff	12 July 2014
901688	RetF A Lewis	Goonellabah	14 July 2014
903465	RetF J Brunson	Macksville	24 July 2014
902189	RetF C Ellis	Goonellabah	25 July 2014
901995	RetF D E Leenderts	Merewether	25 July 2014
902213	RetF A Gawron	Minmi	27 July 2014
902168	RetF D G Thorpe	Wallsend	1 August 2014

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**Retirements**

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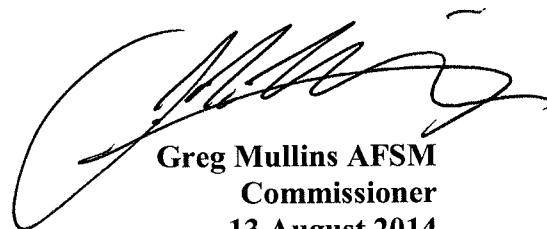
521890	RetF G Bradley	Coolamon	4 July 2014
237032	RetF P Fox	Branxton Greta	1 August 2014

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**Transferred to Honorary List**

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237032	RetF P Fox	Branxton Greta	2 August 2014
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