Total Fire Bans

IF YOU IGNORE A TOTAL FIRE BAN, PEOPLE MAY DIE

IN A TOTAL FIRE BAN:

- No fire may be lit in the open
- All fire permits are suspended

  This includes incinerators and barbecues (BBQ) which burn solid fuel, e.g. wood, charcoal or heat beads
- No general purpose welding, grinding, soldering or gas cutting can be done in the open.

When is a Total Fire Ban announced?

During the Bush Fire Danger Period, the decision to issue a Total Fire Ban is usually made in the afternoon for the following day.

A Total Fire Ban may be issued on the actual day if weather conditions get worse.

A Total Fire Ban usually starts at midnight and lasts for 24 hours.

To find out where Total Fire Bans have been declared:

- ☐ Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au
- ☐ Check the weather forecast at www.bom.gov.au
- ☐ Call the Bush Fire Information Line on 1800 679 737
- ☐ Monitor weather reports on the radio, television and in newspapers.

Lighting a fire on a Total Fire Ban day can result in fines of up to $100,000 and/or 14 years imprisonment.

Can you still have a BBQ?

You may use a gas or electric BBQ, but only if:

- It is on a residential property within 20 metres of the house
- It is in a designated picnic area and the BBQ is approved by Council, National Parks or State Forests
- It is always attended by a responsible adult
- The ground within two metres of the BBQ is cleared of all materials which could burn
- You have an immediate and continuous supply of water available.

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