



Total fire bans across north east

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With gusty winds forecast to continue and a number of fires already burning, Total Fire Bans have been declared across much of north-eastern NSW for Friday 7 September.

The Total Fire Bans cover a large area from the Tweed to the Hunter and west to Tamworth and Gunnedah.

The Total Fire Bans cover the following fire areas:

- Far North Coast
- Greater Hunter (including Newcastle)
- Northern Slopes
- North Coast
- New England

NSW RFS Commissioner Shane Fitzsimmons said while the Fire Danger Rating for most areas was Very High, Total Fire Bans have been declared due to continuing gusty conditions and an already increased level of fire activity.

“We already have around 30 fires burning across NSW, with many of these in northern NSW in areas such as the Clarence Valley, Richmond Valley and the Upper Hunter,” Commissioner Fitzsimmons said.

“Winds are expected to gust to around 95 kilometres an hour in some areas and under these conditions, any fires which do start have the potential to spread quickly and prove quite challenging for firefighters.”

On a day of Total Fire Ban, there is a ban on any fires out in the open.

Full details on Total Fire Ban rules and local government areas covered by the Total Fire Bans are available on the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au.

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