Local Fire Ban Declaration

PROHIBITION ON THE LIGHTING, MAINTENANCE AND USE OF FIRES IN THE OPEN

In accordance with the provisions of Section 145M *Fire Services Act 1990,* and with due regard to fire conditions and the fire weather forecast issued by the Bureau of Meteorology, a Local Fire Ban is hereby imposed as described below.

A prohibition on lighting fires in the open applies for the period 0001 hours on 3rd October 2025 to 2359 hours on 10th October 2025 in the fire ban area(s) specified hereunder:

Within the whole of the Local Government Areas of:

Charters Towers Regional	Flinders Shire	Richmond Shire	

While this Local Fire Ban remains in force, any authority given under the *Fire Services Act 1990* or another Act to light a fire in the fire ban area ceases to have effect to the extent the authority is inconsistent with the ban (section 145Q *Fire Services Act 1990*). For example, a permit granted under section 145C of the *Fire Services Act 1990* to light a fire which is inconsistent with the ban will be suspended for the period of the ban.

Certain exemptions from the ban will, however, apply.

The following exemptions apply:

1. Fires within a properly constructed barbeque are permitted provided they are not left unattended.
2. Fires for the purpose of disposal of animal carcasses are permitted, subject to the issue of a permit to light fire by the local Fire Warden.
3. Fires of commercial necessity are permitted subject to the issue of a permit to light fire by the Chief Fire Warden.
4. Fires lit for the purpose of burning standing sugar cane for harvest in accordance with the established practice of the industry. The burning of standing cane is permitted between 1800 hours and 0900 hours the following day once a permit to light fire has been obtained from the local Fire Warden for those blocks of cane that require a permit to light fire.
5. Fires lit for the purpose of burning tops and trash between 1800 hours and 0900 hours once a permit to light fire has been obtained from the local Fire Warden for those blocks of cane that require a permit to burn.
6. Fires lit in accordance with the provisions of Section 145M *Fire Services Act 1990*, Chapter 4B, Part 1, Sections 149I Powers of authorised officer in dangerous situations and 149K Powers of authorised fire officer for preventative or Investigative purposes.

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Note:

1. Further information regarding Local Fire Bans and associated exemptions that can apply to a ban of the lighting of fires in the open can be found on the Queensland Fire Department website.
2. Power tools including lawn mowers and mechanical slashers may be used, however the Queensland Fire Department recommends extreme care and appropriate measures are undertaken to minimise any ignition or fire spread.
3. Activities such as welding, grinding, the use of oxy acetylene cutting or heating, and other similar operations that can be a source of ignition when flammable material is present or that can become a fire hazard regardless of the presence of flammable material may still be undertaken. However, the Queensland Fire Department encourages people to undertake these activities with extreme care and to ensure that adequate equipment is available to extinguish any fire that may start. This could include having a person available to watch out for any ignitions that occur.