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## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to regulate the road side burning of Isaac Regional Council (IRC) road reserves to ensure that burning does not interfere with either:

- The safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles
- Damage to roadside furniture or structural damage to other IRC structures within the road reserve

## 2. Scope

This policy shall apply to all IRC road reserves

## 3. Definitions

Term	Meaning
IRC Road	Means the road that IRC is responsible for
IRC	Isaac Regional Council

## 4. Policy Statement

### 4.1 Policy Provisions

A permit to light fire is required for the relevant site from either Queensland Fire service or relevant fire warden.

An area may be burnt when the wind is forecast to be blowing away from the roadway or at the discretion of the Brigade Fire Warden or Fire Officer.

The following signs must be erected to face approaching traffic from each direction for the full duration of the burning operation.

Burning Off (TC9869) or "Smoke Hazard" T4-6 signs must be erected at least 150m before the start of any possible hazard from flames or smoke.

The signs must be erected so that they:

- Are on the road shoulder, no closer than 0.6 metre from the edge of the traffic lane
- Can be clearly seen by approaching drivers from at least 150 metres
- Are not obstructed from the driver's view by either vegetation or parked vehicles
- Are securely mounted and not likely to be dislodged by wind from passing vehicles
- Are mounted between 200mm - 1500mm above the ground

To ensure that the fire can be properly controlled, firebreaks must be cleared around an area no larger than the applicant can easily control.

All combustible material within 3 metres of any concrete or timber structure must be cleared so that there is no likelihood of the structure being damaged by heat or flames.

After the burning off, the road reserve must be left in a tidy condition. Any trees which are unstable due to fire must be felled and burned to ashes.

IRC accepts no responsibility whatsoever for any damage caused by a fire lit under the scope of the approval. All responsibility lies with the applicant and their public liability insurer with evidence of the current public liability insurance cover provided to IRC for the duration of the road burning.

## 5. Communication Channels

This policy will be communicated throughout IRC via:

- An announcement on the IRIS intranet
- Online Policy Library

## 6. References and Related Documents

- Main Roads Fire Threat Management Plan version 2
- Main Roads Road Side Management Plan Part D5