

Vehicle Movement Bans and Associated Local Implementation Triggers

The following is a guide to assist the community to understand when a Vehicle Movement Ban (commonly referred to as a ‘Harvest and Movement of Vehicles in Paddocks Bans’, and includes, but is not limited to, hot works and bushland activities, e.g. off road trail bike riding, logging, etc) will be declared within the district of the Shire of Murray.

Days of a Total Fire Ban

Under Regulation 24A of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, the Minister may declare a Total Fire Ban which invokes the prohibition of certain activities in the open air.

On days when a Total Fire Ban has been declared, a local government must impose a Vehicle Movement Ban if satisfied that the FDI in the District is or exceeds 35

Days Other Than a Total Fire Ban

Under Regulation 38A of the Bush Fires Regulations 1954, the Shire of Murray will impose a Vehicle Movement Ban when the Bush Fire Control Officer “*is of the opinion that the use of engines, vehicles, plant or machinery during the prohibited burning times or the restricted burning times or both is likely to cause a fire or be conducive to the spread of a bush fire*”.

The following is a list of the ‘triggers’ that are proposed to be used within the Shire of Murray to decide when a Vehicle Movement Ban will be implemented.

Fire Danger Rating : FDR

Fire Danger Index: FDI

VEHICLE MOVEMENT BAN TRIGGERS	
During a Total Fire Ban	Days Other Than During a Total Fire Ban
FDR Very High (32 FDI > 49 FDI)	FDR Very High (32 FDI > 49 FDI) and 50% of local fire fighting resources committed
A FDR of Very High will result in an immediate Vehicle Movement Ban between the hours of 0800hrs and 1700hrs inclusive.	A FDR of Very High while 50% of local fire fighting resources are committed will result in an immediate Vehicle Movement Ban between the hours of 0800hrs and 1700hrs inclusive.
FDR Severe (50 FDI >74 FDI)	FDR Severe (50 FDI >74 FDI)
A FDR of Severe will result in an immediate Vehicle Movement Ban between the hours of 0001hrs and 2359hrs inclusive.	A FDR of Severe will result in an immediate Vehicle Movement Ban between the hours of 0800hrs and 1700hrs inclusive.