



BURNING **IN YOUNG SHIRE COUNCIL**



The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Control of Burning) Regulation 2000* was gazetted on the 25th August 2000, and commenced on the 1st September 2000. Young Shire Council was included in the Schedule to this piece of legislation, which has the following impact in the Shire:

Generally

- replaces the *Clean Air (Control of Burning) Regulation 1995*;
- imposes a general obligation to prevent or minimise air pollution when burning in the open air or in an incinerator;
- prohibits burning in Young Shire unless the consent of Council is obtained.

Prohibits the burning of the following articles:

- tyres,
- coated wire,
- paint containers and residues,
- solvent containers and residues,
- timber treated with copper chromium arsenate (CCA) or pentachlorophenol (PCP).

Exempts the following activities from the need to obtain approval:

- to cook or barbecue in the open, or to light, maintain or use a fire for recreational purposes such as camping, picnicking, scouting or other similar outdoor activities, so long as only dry seasoned wood, LPG, natural gas or barbecue fuel is used,
- burning vegetation in the course of carrying on agricultural operations, on premises on which the vegetation grew, including:
 - a) the burning of vegetation for the purposes of clearing,
 - b) burning of stubble, orchard prunings, diseased crops, weeds or pest animal habitats on farms,
 - c) burning of pasture for regenerative purposes;

- to burn anything for the purposes of giving instruction on methods of fire fighting by:
 - a) an officer or member of a fire fighting authority, or
 - b) a fire control officer within the meaning of the Rural Fires Act 1997; or
 - c) an industrial fire control officer;
- to burn anything in an incinerator that is licensed under the Act;
- to burn domestic waste on residential premises on which the waste was generated if domestic waste management services are not available to those premises.

- N** ▪ This legislation does not remove the need for a person to obtain the
O appropriate permit from their local Bushfire Captain/Permit Officer during
T the designated bushfire danger period;
- E** ▪ Nothing in this legislation permits burning during periods of total fire ban.

Approval required for the following:

- provides for the Environment Protection Authority and for Young Shire Council in certain cases, to grant approvals for burning in the open or in an incinerator, which includes:
 - a) the burning of vegetation, and
 - b) the burning of any other matter which is not prohibited.
- requires the consent authority to keep a public register of approvals.
- requires the consent authority to take into consideration the following matters before granting an approval:
 - a) the impact on regional air quality and amenity,
 - b) the impact on local air quality and amenity,
 - c) the feasibility of re-use, recycling or other alternative means of disposal,
 - d) any opinions of the sector of the public likely to be affected.
- allows the consent authority to impose conditions on any approval issued.

Should you require any additional information please contact Young Shire Council's Planning and Environment Department on (02) 6382 1466.