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Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

REVOCATION OF STATE OF FIRE EMERGENCY FOR QUEENSLAND

Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Brisbane, 20 November 2019

On 20 November 2019, the Minister for Fire and Emergency Services approved the revocation of the Notification of Declaration of State of Fire Emergency for Queensland, No. 74 and the Notification of Declaration of State of Fire Emergency for Queensland (Amendment 1), No 78 under section 87(2)(h) and section 88 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

Hon Craig Crawford MP
Minister for Fire and Emergency Services

Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990

DECLARATION OF STATE OF FIRE EMERGENCY FOR QUEENSLAND

Title

1. This notification shall be known as the *Notification of Declaration of State of Fire Emergency for Queensland*.

Authorising Law

2. The law under which this declaration takes effect is section 87 and section 88 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

Commencement of the Declaration of State of Fire Emergency

3. The declaration will commence from 1600 hours on the date of 20 November 2019 and remain in force until such time as it is amended or revoked.

Area to which the State of Fire Emergency applies

4. This declaration of a state of fire emergency applies to the parts of the State of Queensland as indicated in the attached map and table.

Effect of declaration – activities that are prohibited

5. This declaration ceases the effect of all previous authorities given under the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* or any other Act to light a fire, whether given before or during this state of emergency while this state of emergency remains in force, subject to the remaining provisions of this declaration. This cessation of authority includes:
 - (a) The lighting of any fire in accordance with a Permit to Light Fire issued pursuant to section 65 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

- (b) The lighting of any fire in accordance with the Notification issued on 30 July 2010 pursuant to section 63 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990* being:

- i. any fire in which neither the height, width nor the length of the material to be consumed exceeds 2 metres;
- ii. any fire lit for the purpose of burning the carcass of a beast;
- iii. any fire lit at a sawmill for the purpose of burning sawdust or other residue resulting from the operations of a sawmill;

6. The use of the following appliances, materials or substances is prohibited:

- (a) Outdoor fireworks and pyrotechnic devices of any kind, except where used as part of a close proximity fireworks display as controlled by the Queensland Code of Practice Close Proximity Fireworks, and where the display is approved by the Assistant Commissioner, Rural Fire Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services.

- (b) Use of devices which incorporate a naked flame, any other similar activities that can be a source of ignition when flammable material is present or can become a fire hazard regardless of the presence of flammable material.

- (c) The operation of steam trains or similar apparatus.

7. The following activities or operations are suspended in areas where flammable vegetation is present within 10 meters or can become a fire hazard regardless of the presence of flammable vegetation, until such time as it is amended or revoked;

- (a) welding
- (b) grinding
- (c) the use of oxy acetylene cutting or heating
- (d) use of naked flames
- (e) other similar operations that can be a source of ignition.

Effect of declaration – activities that are not prohibited

8. In accordance with section 90(2) of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, this declaration does not cease the effect of the following authorities:

- (a) A fire lit in accordance with the Notification for Burning of Sugar Cane as published in the gazette on 31 May 2019; save that if a fire permit is required it must be issued by the Regional Manager, Rural Fire Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, for the relevant region;

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- (b) A fire lit in accordance with the Notification issued on 30 July 2010 pursuant to section 63 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, under clause b, item iv—any fire lit out-doors for the purpose of cooking, if enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material there from; and
 - (c) Any powers exercisable pursuant to section 53, 55 or 83 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.
9. This declaration orders that any person finding a fire burning in the open air take all possible steps to extinguish it and, as soon as is practicable, report the existence and locality of the fire to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services via triple zero.

Failure to comply with this declaration

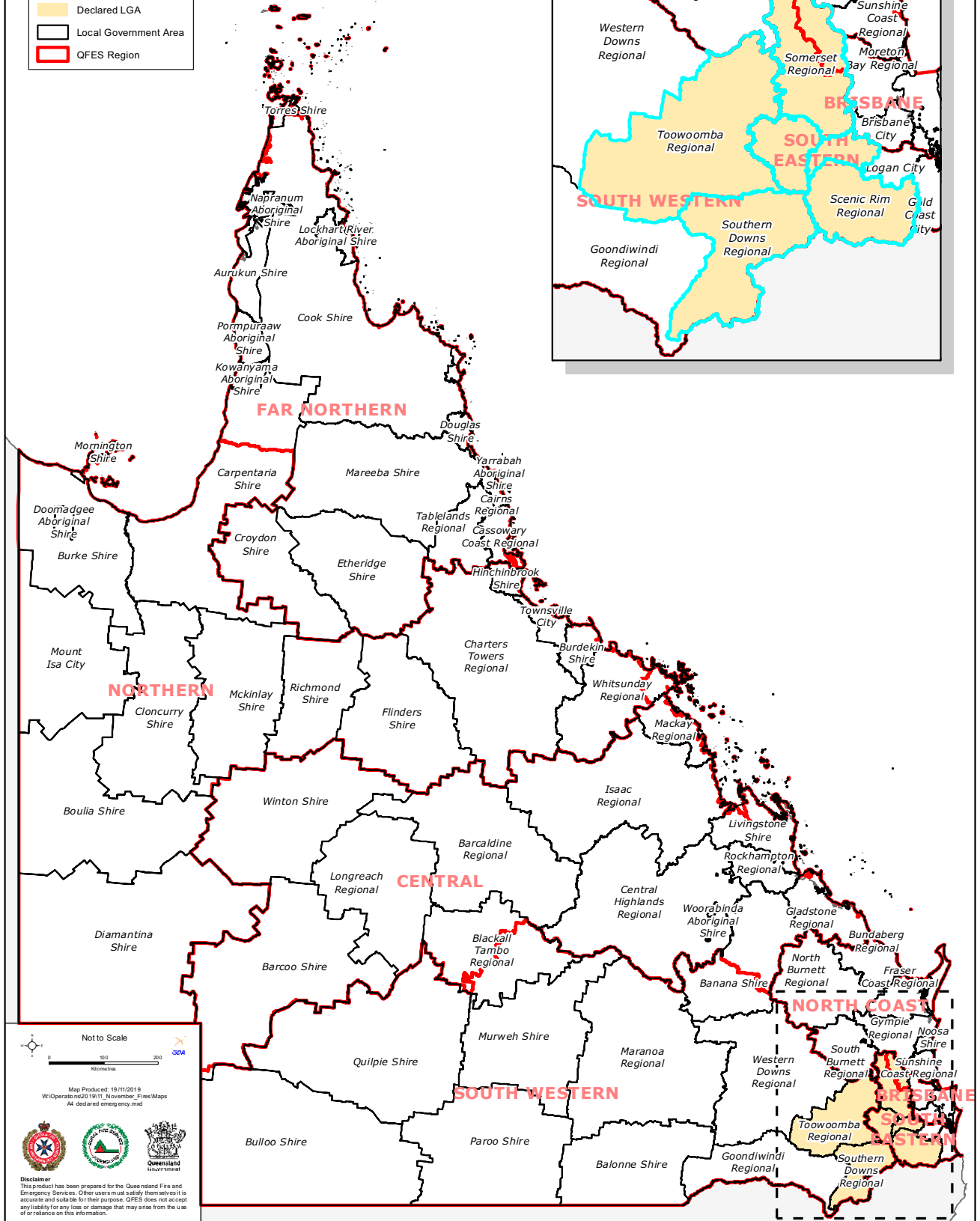
10. Any person who fails to comply with a declaration of a state of fire emergency or with any requisition made pursuant to section 91(2) commits an offence against this Act having a penalty of up to 250 penalty units or 2 years imprisonment.

Mike Wassing AFSM
Acting Commissioner
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services

Declared State of Fire Emergency Local Government Areas

Current as of 20/11/2019

- Major City
- Declared LGA
- Local Government Area
- QFES Region



**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION STRATEGY –
VIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS (LGA'S)**

Region:	LGA's Included:	LGA's Not included:
South Eastern	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockyer Valley Regional • Somerset Regional • Scenic Rim Regional • Ipswich City 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gold Coast City • Logan City
Brisbane		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moreton Bay Regional • Redland City • Brisbane City
North Coast		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunshine Coast Regional • Noosa Shire • Gympie Regional • Fraser Coast Regional • North Burnett Regional • South Burnett Regional • Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire
South Western	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Southern Downs Regional • Toowoomba Regional 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goondiwindi Regional • Western Downs Regional • Banana Shire • Balonne Shire • Paroo Shire • Bulloo Shire • Maranoa Regional • Murweh Shire • Quilpie Shire
Central		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Banana Shire • Gladstone Regional • Rockhampton Regional • Central Highlands Regional • Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire • Livingstone Shire • Isaac Regional • Mackay Regional • Blackall Tambo Regional • Whitsunday Regional • Barcaldine Regional • Longreach Regional • Barcoo Shire • Winton Shire
Northern		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Burdekin Shire • Townsville City • Hinchinbrook Shire • Charters Towers Regional • Flinders Shire • Richmond Shire • McKinlay Shire • Cloncurry Shire • Diamantina Shire • Boulia Shire • Mount Isa City • Burke Shire • Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire • Mornington Shire • Palm Island Aboriginal Shire • Carpentaria Shire

Far
Northern

- Cassowary Coast Regional
- Tablelands Regional
- Cairns Regional
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire
- Croydon Shire
- Etheridge Shire
- Carpentaria Shire
- Mareeba Shire
- Douglas Shire
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire
- Cook Shire
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire
- Aurukun Shire
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional
- Torres Shire
- Torres Strait Island
- Weipa

Total Local Government Areas included:

1. Ipswich City
2. Lockyer Valley Regional
3. Scenic Rim Regional
4. Somerset Regional
5. Toowoomba Regional
6. Southern Downs Regional