CONTRACTORS must not work in areas of the farm, remote areas of the campus, or bushland when there is a Total Fire Ban.

The Rural Fire Service website outlines the following rules:

- "A total fire ban means no fires out in the open. A total fire ban helps limit the potential of fires developing."

- During a Total Fire Ban you cannot light, maintain or use a fire in the open, or to carry out any activity in the open that causes, or is likely to cause, a fire.

- No general purpose hot works, such as welding or gas cutting can be done in the open.

- The NSW RFS strongly recommends you reconsider activities such as such using a tractor or slashing, to help reduce the chance of a fire starting on your property”

For further information concerning Total Fire Bans, please see the above link or contact the Hawkesbury Campus Safety and Security Office on 4570 1361.

BUSHLANDS AND REMOTE AREAS

As outlined in the CW&F Contractor Induction, responsibilities for any access to bushlands and remote areas of campus include:

- No access by any contractors unless approved by CW&F
- Only diesel vehicles to be used in accessing remote areas to reduce risk of grassfires
- Contractors must supply and carry their own fire extinguisher in case of vehicle fires, min 2kg capacity dry powder type
- Extra care to be taken in refuelling equipment, with refuelling locations to be identified with CW&F
- Contractors must carry their own first aid kits and have a qualified first aider with them
- Working with a ‘buddy’ is strongly preferred to working alone
- Ensure University sun protection policy is followed, as well as care in relation to hazards of snakes, stinging insects, and trip hazards
- Ensure communication maintained with Campus Security and CW&F for personal safety
- Report any identified hazards to CW&F contact and/or Campus Security
- Contractors must not work in remote areas/bushland when there is a total fire ban

For any questions regarding access to areas of the farm, remote areas of the campus or bushlands, please contact Lyn Anderson, CW&F Environment Coordinator (0410 326 193) or Steve Norris-Smith, CW&F Campus Manager (0420 946 159).