



**DIVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMERCIAL
INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS
TOTAL FIRE BAN RULES**

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”*



<http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au/fire-information/fdr-and-tobans/total-fire-ban-rules>

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 Division of Infrastructure and Commercial Contractor Induction, [Information for Contractors | Western Sydney University](#) responsibilities for any access to bushlands and remote areas of campus include:

- No access by any contractors unless approved by your Division of Infrastructure and Commercial Contractor Project Manager/key Western contact
- 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 refueling equipment, with refueling locations to be identified with the Office of Infrastructure Services/Campus Safety & Security
- 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 the Office of Infrastructure Services/Campus Safety & Security for personal safety
- Report any identified hazards to the Office of Infrastructure Services/Campus Safety & 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 your Division of Infrastructure and Commercial Contractor Project Manager/key Western contact.