



CLARE & GILBERT VALLEYS COUNCIL

GENERAL PERMIT NOTICE

Pursuant to Clause 6(3)(a)(2) of the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016

This burning permit is issued by the Clare & Gilbert Valleys Council and authorises any person living in gazetted townships as defined under the Local Government Act 1999, within the Council area, to carry out burning activities outside of the fire danger season as defined under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005 and subject to conditions set out below.

Any burning outside of the following conditions must be approved in writing by the Council prior to burning.

Conditions relating to pile burning

- a) Burns only to occur between 9:00am to 5:00pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive; and
- b) No Burning to occur on Sunday or public holidays; and
- c) Neighbours who are likely to be affected are to be notified prior to light up so evasive action can be taken to avoid smoke; and
- d) Only dry paper, dry cardboard, or dry timber or timber derivative may be burnt and an accelerant must not be used.

Conditions relating to comfort fires

- e) Burns can occur at any time of day or night; and
- f) Fires must not occupy more than one cubic metre to be considered a comfort fire; and
- g) Only dry wood or untreated timber must be used as a fuel source for comfort fires.

Conditions relating to both pile burning and comfort fires

- h) Sufficient amount of water kept at hand to extinguish immediately should necessity arise; and
- i) The fire to be supervised by an adult at all times until completely extinguished; and
- j) If asked to extinguish the fire by SAPOL or Council, you must comply; and
- k) This permit does not authorise a person to burn on land if the person is not the owner of the land or does not have the consent of the owner or occupier of the land; and
- l) This permit does not authorise the burning of a prohibited substance; and
- m) The permit comes into operation on 1st May 2024; and
- n) This permit remains in force until the commencement of the 2024/2025 Fire Danger Season or until revoked by Council; and
- o) This permit may be varied or revoked by Council at any time by further advertisement on the Council website and circulating local newspapers.
- p) The fact that a person has complied with the condition of this permit does not –
 - a. Relieve the person from liability for any loss, damager or harm caused by a fire lit under the authority of the permit; or
 - b. Prevent proceedings for enforcement of the general environmental duty under Section 25 of the Environment Protection Act 1993, or for any offence under the Act, in relation to the burning activity, (clause 6(5) of the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016.

This permit is subject to any ban, prohibition, restriction or other requirement under the Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005, the Native Vegetation Act 1991, or a prescribed act (Clause 5(4) of the Environment Protection (Air Quality) Policy 2016. For further information and FAQ's on burning in the open matters, please visit the EPA website www.epa.sa.gov.au.