

CONDITIONS FOR OPTIONAL PERIMETER FIREBREAKS

Landholders who wish to take advantage of Optional Perimeter Firebreaks must meet the conditions below and fill out the form at the bottom on the page.

- ❑ Vacant land/absentee landowners must have firebreaks unless they reside within the brigade district, or they reside within an adjacent brigade of the property, or an employee resides on the property.
- ❑ There must be, where practical permanently maintained perimeter access break with low fuel levels 3 metres wide x 4metres vertical clearance if the bush is more than 20 metres wide at the boundary.
- ❑ Must have undertaken hazard reduction around buildings and fuel dumps to a minimum distance of 20 metres.
- ❑ Access to all buildings must be at least 4 metres wide and with a vertical clearance of 4 metres to allow access for a fire appliance.
- ❑ The owner/occupier/employee must have a serviceable fire fighting unit that is readily accessible to the property at all times, which comprises of a minimum of 400 litre tank and a 5hp motorised fire pump. The fire unit must also have at least 15 metres of 19mm fire hose, a reel fitted with suitable fire nozzles and all equipment must be mounted on a vehicle, trailer or skid mounted unit.
- ❑ Landowners/occupiers within the brigade area intending to have optional perimeter firebreaks must apply to their Local Fire Control Officer NO LATER THAN 1st NOVEMBER.
- ❑ Optional Perimeter firebreaks apply with FCO approval to the original owner/occupier for a period of 5 years. Reapplication is necessary with a new owner/occupier but with new applications expiring the same year as all other applications.
- ❑ If you do not meet these conditions then you must install firebreak on or before the 1st December in accordance with the City of Albany Firebreak Notices sent to all landowners with the annual rates notice.

BFCO – Return to: City of Albany P O Box 484 Albany WA 6331 within 7 days of receipt.