



COUNCIL POLICY

Title: Harvest & Vehicle Movement Bans

Shire of
Kellerberrin

Responsible Officer: Deputy Chief Executive Officer

Version: Current

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure processes are in place and followed for the issuing and advertising of Harvest Bans.

2. SCOPE

This policy is applied to the Shire of Kellerberrin and its elected members and employees.

3. DEFINITIONS

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This policy links to core drivers:

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny

5. POLICY STATEMENT

That the Chief Bushfire Control Officer and Deputy Chief Bushfire Control Officer or their delegate, be authorised to initiate Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans within the Shire of Kellerberrin.

The decision to initiate a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is to be determined by not less than three (3) individual Fire Weather Readings from within the Shire of Kellerberrin from one of the four (4) Fire Control Officers within the Shire of Kellerberrin.

In the event that the Fire Danger Index reaches 32 or more, based on an average of three or more weather readings representative of three distinct areas of the Shire of Kellerberrin, a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban will be automatically issued over the whole of the Shire of Kellerberrin.

Once issued, a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban will remain in force until such time that three (3) of the five (5) fire control officers indicate that it is safe to lift the ban.

In the event of inclement weather conditions prevailing, a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban may be extended beyond the original time indicated.

MEDIA RELEASES

For the purpose of 'Press Releases' relating to the issue of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans, the following wording will be utilised at all times:

Weather Condition Harvest Bans

"A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is in effect over the whole of the Shire of Kellerberrin until 6.00pm, and may be extended if necessary"

OR

"Currently there are no Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban within the Shire of Kellerberrin".

OR (in the case of a fire)

"A Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban is in effect over the whole of the Shire of Kellerberrin until further notice, due to a fire within the Shire of Kellerberrin".

Under no circumstances will the words 'to be reviewed at' be utilised when issuing notice of Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban due to weather conditions.

6. RELATED LEGISLATION/ DOCUMENTATION

7. REVIEW DETAILS

Council Adoption	Date	February 2020	Resolution #	MIN009/20
Previous Adoption	Date	October 2016	Resolution #	MIN168/16