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Policy Name: **5.5 – Permit Conditions - Grain Dryers**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The District Council of Cleve is committed to ensure where possible, the risk of fire can be mitigated within the fire danger season. This policy sets out the rules that apply when operating a grain dryer within the fire danger season, in particular the harvest period within the district.

## 2. POLICY

Current and predicted weather conditions must be seriously considered as well as wind direction prior to undertaking Grain Drying. Grain dryers may only be operated under the following conditions in fire danger season:

- A schedule 9 permit must be obtained prior to the use of any grain dryer, and all prescribed conditions contained on that permit must be complied with.

**Note:**

*a) Provision of Rural Addresses (to be provided of where the Grain Dryer is to be operated), when application for a permit is made. Notification to Council will only be required the first time the dryer is operated, at each rural address.*

A list of [Permit Officers](#) can be located on Council Website.

- Issuing of permits for the use of grain dryers commences from the start of the Fire Danger Season of any year.
- If the lighting of grain dryers is required on a Total Fire Ban day and days when the predicted Fire Danger Index published by the Bureau of Meteorology at 8am exceeds a rating of FBI 40, a Schedule 10 permit must be obtained. Please contact CFS Region 6 Port Lincoln (08) 8682 4266.
- A minimum of 400 litres of water connected to a working firefighting pump and hoses must be kept at hand in the paddock area where the drying is to be conducted.
- That the space immediately around the fire must be cleared of all flammable material to a distance of at least 4 metres.
- That at least one person who is able to control the fire must be present in the paddock where the dryer is working at all times.

**Note:**

*Any permit issued may be revoked at any time by an Authorised Officer if conditions are considered too dangerous for burning off operations or if permit conditions have been breached. Breach of the prescribed or local conditions may face prosecution or issued with an expiation notice.*

- The holder of the permit has the overall responsibility to ensure that all conditions are met, and that all reasonable care is taken to prevent the escape of fire.

**3. LEGISLATION**

- Grain Harvesting Code of Practice
- Schedule 9 Permits
- Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
- Fire and Emergency Services Schedule 2005

**4. AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

- [Country Fire Service Website – Farm Fire Safety](#)
- [Australian Fire Danger Rating System](#)
- [Understanding the Fire Behaviour Index - Harvest](#)

**5. COUNCIL ENDORSEMENT**

This Policy was adopted by resolution of the Council on 29 November 2022.

**6. REVIEW AND EVALUATION**

This Policy is scheduled for review by Council in November 2026.

**7. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY**

This policy will be available for inspection at Council's principal office during ordinary business hours and on the Council's website [www.cleve.sa.gov.au](http://www.cleve.sa.gov.au). Hard copies of the policy can be obtained upon request and payment of the relevant fee as per Council's schedule of fees and charges.