

# Total Fire Ban Changes to Assist Farmers

Changes to Total Fire Ban regulations mean you can now harvest or move vehicles across paddocks during a Total Fire Ban (TFB) as long as:

- a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has not been put in place by your Local Government
- you have a firefighting vehicle on site, with a minimum 400 litres of water.

Individual local governments will be responsible for placing Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans. This will happen when local weather conditions result in the Grassland Fire Danger Index (GFDI) reaching 35 (less in some shires).

If required a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban may be put in place at any time, especially if fire resources are stretched.

It is your responsibility, as the harvester operator to be aware of any bans in place before harvesting as you could be fined for breaching a ban.

Your local ABC radio regularly broadcasts bans during harvesting and bushfire seasons. Local governments also have additional processes of advising you of harvest and vehicle movement bans, such as recorded messaging services and SMS.

**For more information on Total Fire Bans go to [fesa.wa.gov.au](http://fesa.wa.gov.au) and for information on Harvest and Vehicle Movement Bans contact your local government office.**



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