

Notice of making of open air fires local law 20

Pursuant to Section 74(4) of the *Local Government Act 2020*, notice is hereby given that on 20 June 2022, Cardinia Shire Council made the following local law:

The title of the local law is Local Law 20 – Open Air Fires Local Law.

The objectives of the local law are to:

- a) provide for the peace order and good government of the Cardinia Shire Council; and
- b) promote a physical and social environment free from hazards to health, in which the residents of the municipal district can enjoy a quality of life that meets the general expectations of the community; and
- c) protect the amenity of the municipal district; and
- d) prevent and suppress nuisances connected with open air fires and smoke in the environment, which may adversely affect the enjoyment of life or the health, safety and welfare of persons; and
- e) prohibit, regulate and control open air fires (and related behaviours) which may be dangerous or unsafe or detrimental to the quality of life and the environment; and
- f) encourage the use of open air fires only for fire prevention purposes; and
- g) provide for the consistent application and enforcement of the Local Law.

The effect of the local law is to:

- a) Limit the circumstances in which open air fires may be conducted on private land within the municipality, such circumstances and limitations being dependant of zoning defined by property maps that form part of the local law; and
- b) Introduce penalties (including infringement penalties) for failure to comply with the conditions; and
- c) Provide for a permit scheme, whereby property owners may obtain property-specific permission pertaining to open air fires; and
- d) Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to suspend the operation of any clause in the local law for a period of time specified in the declaration; and
- e) Make miscellaneous amendments to Cardinia Shire Local Law 17.

A copy of this local law is available for inspection on Council's website ([view the local law here](#)) or at Council's offices (20 Siding Avenue, Officer).