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Topic: Remaking JBT's rural fire rules

Have Your Say on JBT's new Draft Rural Fires Rules

Submissions on the new draft JBT Rural Fires Rules 2024 are now open, following initial consultation in July this year to develop new rules.

The current *Jervis Bay Territory Rural Fires Rule 2014* is sunsetting on 1 October 2024, and the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) is asking for local knowledge and input on draft new rules which aim to support bushfire management in JBT.

The Department is specifically seeking community views on whether the draft rules effectively support the framework for bush fire prevention and coordination of bush fire-fighting throughout the Territory.

The new draft rules set out the requirements for membership, conduct and discipline of JBT Rural Fire Service members, including the rural fire brigades in the Territory, while supporting the legislation underpinning the Bush Fire Management Committee and the preparation of Fire Management Plans and the issuing of fire permits and notices.

The previous round of consultation did not result in feedback identifying changes to our current approach. The Department encourages all interested community members to review the draft Rules to ensure their views are heard in the drafting process.

You can make your submission by clicking the 'Have your say now' button at <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/remaking-jervis-bay-territory-rural-fires-rule-2014>.

Alternatively, you can email your submission to JBtinstruments@infrastructure.gov.au, as well as any additional questions you may have or comments you wish to make.