



APPENDIX J

DECLARED FIRE DANGER PERIOD – BUSHFIRE MITIGATION REQUIREMENTS

(Other than TFB days)

CONDITIONS OF USE

***For - WELDING, GAS CUTTING, GRINDING, SOLDERING, USE
OF BLOW LAMPS OR GAS TORCHES***

For any works carried out during the declared Fire Danger Period involving welding, gas cutting, grinding, soldering or the use of blow lamps or gas torches, the following conditions of use **must be adhered to:**

- 1) Consider alternative work practices to eliminate the use of “open flame” equipment.
- 2) Before any operation involving the use of such equipment commences, the whole area within 3 metres of the proposed site of operation shall be cleared of all combustible material **OR** maintained in a wetted-down condition for a distance of not less than 3 metres from the proposed site of operation; and
- 3) That there are not less than two persons on site, together with a knapsack spray pump of at least 9 litres capacity fully charged with water **OR** a water (stored pressure) fire extinguisher of at least 9 litres capacity fully charged with water. One such person shall be available solely for fire-watching and fire fighting purposes and have the knapsack/extinguisher manned and ready for use at the site of the proposed work; and
- 4) A shield or guard of fire resistant material is placed or erected in such a way to prevent the emission of sparks, hot metal or slag; and
- 5) That all work cut-offs and electrode stubs are placed directly into a fire resistant container; and
- 6) That provision is made to enable immediate notification of an outbreak of fire to the local fire brigade, a member of the Police Force or a Forest Officer; and
- 7) That when not in use, equipment that has been used, is placed centrally upon an area of bare earth or upon fire resistant material not less than 1 metre square; and
- 8) That **before leaving the worksite**, the whole area where the equipment was used is inspected for any possible ignition sources.