



**NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE**



# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **NSW RFS Far West Team Notice of Hazard Reduction Works and Burn Bourke Levee**

**22 October 2020**

The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) in conjunction with the New South Wales Police, Fire + Rescue NSW and Bourke Shire Council will be conducting hazard reduction activities around the Bourke Levee. This burn is to be conducted on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020 until Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 after a number of ignitions in this area over the last week.

NSW RFS Inspector Craig Warwick in conjunction with Inspector Paul Quigg Crime Manager Central North Police District, Station Commander John Milgate F+R NSW and Dwayne Willoughby Manager Environmental Services Bourke Shire Council all agree this hazard reduction works and burning needs to be completed for the benefit of the community of Bourke.

Inspector Warwick confirms that the works in preparation for this burn will start with the State Mitigation Indigenous Works crews from Bourke and Brewarrina starting the control line works on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 which will take a week to prepare as there is works to be done around the River gums so they are not damaged during the hazard reduction burn.

Inspector Warwick said all residents of the Bourke area should take all washing of the line and anyone who suffers from breathing problems are to keep all windows closed during the burn period.

The NSW Rural Fire Service Far West Team is sorry for any inconvenience caused in this matter

Inspector Warwick "With forecast of winds and favourable conditions, the NSW Rural Fire Service Far West Team, NSW Police, Fire + Rescue Bourke and Bourke Shire Council are taking advantage to conduct hazard reduction burn.

Please listen to 2WEB and check Facebook (Bourke Shire and the NSW RFS Far West Team) over this period for any updates.

For Further information please contact the Bourke Fire Control Centre on 02 6872 4023.



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