

# Alternative Firebreak Application

## Applicant Details

<b>Owners Name</b>	
<b>Property Address</b>	
<b>Postal Address</b> <i>(if different to above)</i>	
<b>Contact Email</b>	
<b>Contact Mobile</b>	

## Alternative Plan Details *(Draw, attach, or describe the alternative plan below)*

## Alternative Plan Reasoning *Explain why your property warrants an alternative firebreak plan: (For example, steep terrain, inaccessible areas, extensive irrigation etc.)*

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## Additional Information for Applicants:

- This application will be assessed by an authorised officer at the City of Swan. The officer may attend your property for an inspection or contact you for further information.
- If approved, the alternative plan will be valid for a fixed period of time (typically 5 years) and can be revoked by the City at any point in time. Full detail will be included in the letter of approval.
- If not approved, the full requirements of the City's annual Fire Hazard Reduction Notice apply to your property.
- An alternative firebreak plan application is not a request to be exempt from fire hazard reduction requirements, but an application to employ alternative methods of property preparedness to land that you own and/or occupy.
- Please note the following frequently received reasons in alternative firebreak applications, which are not likely to be acceptable:
  - A firebreak is not required because there is a road adjacent to the property.
  - Trees would need to be cleared/trimmed in order for a firebreak to be installed.
  - Cost is a prohibiting factor, or the machinery required is not available.
  - An old bushfire management plan or fire management plan indicated firebreaks are not required.
  - The property has not needed one in the past.
  - Installing firebreaks will reduce the amount of feed available for livestock.
  - A neighbouring property does not have a firebreak.
  - A neighbouring property has a firebreak on their side of the fence, so the property in question does not need a firebreak.
- If you have any questions regarding this application form, or would like advice/assistance regarding your property, please do not hesitate to contact the City's Fire & Emergency Management team by contacting customer support at [swan@swan.wa.gov.au](mailto:swan@swan.wa.gov.au) or on 9267 9267.