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## Have Your Say on JBT’s Fire Management Laws

Submissions on the future Jervis Bay Territory (JBT) fire rules are now open, with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts (the Department) encouraging all community members to share their views and help inform the future of fire management in JBT.

With the *Jervis Bay Territory Rural Fire Rule 2014* ‘sunsetting’ or expiring on 1 October 2024 and needing to be remade, the Department is calling on locals to help determine how well the current fire rules meet community needs - and if any changes are required.

The Rules support the *Jervis Bay Territory Rural Fire Ordinance 2014* (the Ordinance) to provide the legislative framework for fire management services to the Jervis Bay Territory (JBT) and promote community and environmental safety.

If you are interested in having your say on this important legislative matter for the JBT, you can read the current *Jervis Bay Territory Rural Fire Rules* and supporting fact sheet at <http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/have-your-say/remaking-jervis-bay-territory-rural-fire-rule-2014>

The Department is seeking your views specifically on whether the current fire rules are fit-for-purpose, in relation to bush fire prevention and the coordination of bush fire-fighting throughout the Territory.

You can submit your comments by clicking the ‘Have your say now’ button at the above link.

Alternatively, you can email your submission to [JBTinstruments@infrastructure.gov.au](mailto:JBTinstruments@infrastructure.gov.au), as well as any additional questions you may have, or comments you wish to make.