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JBT's new Draft Rural Fires Rules

Consultation on the new draft JBT Rural Fires Rules 2024 has closed, with no submissions received during the consultation period.

The consultation period was open from 14 December 2023 to 2 February 2024.

The current *Jervis Bay Territory Rural Fires Rule 2014* is sunsetting on 1 October 2024, with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications and the Arts working to finalise the new rules before they sunset.

The new rules will continue to support bushfire management in JBT, setting 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.

We expect to finalise the new rules in coming weeks, with the existing 2014 Rules continuing to operate until the new rules come into effect from 1 October this year.

We thank the local community for continuing to support bushfire management in the JBT.