

***Subject***                **ROADSIDE MANAGEMENT**

**Description:** This document describes Council's Policy towards the roadside management.

**Objective:** To maintain road reserves in an environmentally sensitive manner, allowing for the other conflicting requirements of road construction and maintenance.

**PART 1 - POLICY**

**STAFF**

- To follow procedures, attached, for activities in road reserves.
- To have ongoing training in environmentally friendly practices.
- To carry out work as set out in Vicroads Roadside Handbook 1992. All gangers to have a copy of the Handbook and the Conservation Value Survey.
- All construction sites to be walked prior to work commencing.

**COUNCIL**

- To look to appoint a staff member as an Environmental Officer and provide training or use trained officers on consultancy basis.
- All planned clearing of trees to be advertised in Council ***Newsletter***.
- Council signpost the rare plants/high conservation areas and sites containing significant plants as identified in Uralla/Dumaresq Roadside Management Project.

**GRAZING**

- Now controlled by Rural Lands Protection Board and should not be allowed on local roads with high conservation areas or sites of rare plants.

**FIREWOOD**

- The removal of standing timber, without permission, is not permitted on Shire/Regional roads.

**FENCING**

- Landowners may clear up to one metre onto road reserve outside their fence line. Any additional clearing is to be approved by the Environmental Officer only.

**WEEDS AND NOXIOUS ANIMALS**

- Appropriate steps be taken in conjunction with New England Weeds County Council with the Central North Livestock Health and Pest Authority to minimise weed infestation and the spreading of weed during plant operation and to minimise noxious animals.

## PART 2 - EXEMPTIONS

Nil

## PART 3 - CRITERIA

It is Council's responsibility to:

1. Use appropriate methods of road construction and maintenance.
2. Enhance and protect rare plants/high conservation areas and sites.
3. Include public consultation in determining methods of operation.

## PART 4 - OTHER MATTERS

This Policy refers to Vicroads Roadside Handbook 1992.

**Review:** This policy is to be reviewed as necessary or every four (4) years in accordance with Section 165, Local Government Act, 1993.

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