

Section: **ENGINEERING**

Subject **RURAL FIRES**

Description: This document describes Council's policy over all aspects of Rural Fire Control

Objective: To ensure all activities relating to rural fires are under control of Council and to define areas of assistance to ensure that plans are effectively coordinated.

PART 1 - POLICY

1. Authorisation

By Rural Fire Service

2. Permits

Permits shall only be issued by the Permit Issuing Officer of the Brigade area concerned and subject to any conditions that may be incorporated in the approval.

3. Danger Periods

Declared by the Bush Fire Management Committee.

4. Equipment Repairs

Council will undertake the necessary repairs of pumps and motors subject to the availability of funds, as requested by brigades when such equipment is delivered to the depot, and brigades will be advised that the cost of this work will become part of Council's overall allocation for rural fire control purposes.

5. Out of Area Assistance

Out of area assistance for fighting fires is detailed in the Bushfire Risk Management Plan.

PART 2 - EXEMPTIONS

Nil

PART 3 - CRITERIA

In formulating this policy, Council took into account the following criteria:

1. Authorisation for entry to property.
2. The authority to issue permits.
3. Authorisation for the repair of equipment and its cost.

Nil

PART 4 - OTHER MATTERS

Nil.

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

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