



Council Policy 29

Bush Fires – Selection of Council Plant at Policy

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Responsible Officer	Manager Fleet and Town Services
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a process for obtaining approval for use of Council Plant at bush fires.

Definitions

Council:	Carrathool Shire Council
Bush Fire:	a fire that burns in grass, bush or woodland and can threaten life, property and the environment..
Plant:	assets of Council required to assist in fighting fires eg graders and water trucks.

Reference

This policy complements other legislation and where it is silent on matters referred to in the following legislation such matters must be followed in accordance with the legislation.

- Local Government Act 1993
- Local Government (General) Regulations 2021
- Rural Fires Act 1997

Policy statements

That the selection of plant and appropriate use of such plant at the fire, (which must have been requested by the Rural Fire Service Captain or a Group Captain) be the decision of the Manager Fleet and Town Services or the person acting in his stead, provided that should no engineering staff be available in the emergency, the decision as to which item of plant is sent, is to be made by the Director Infrastructure Services or General Manager.

Revision Table

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0654/19.09.2023	Review with changes to responsible officer and legislation

Associated Documents

Nil

Review

This policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed within four years of its adoption (or latest amendment) with reference to any relevant legislation, best practice guides, or other factor

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