

## TITLE

### **P220 FIRE RISK MANAGEMENT**

## DEPARTMENT

Environmental Services

## POLICY DIRECTIVE

To provide a consistent approach to the management, assessment and abatement of fire risks to the townships on King Island.

## HISTORY

Council Resolution No 257/01 adopted at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 18 June 2002.

## POLICY

- 1.1 **Council will ensure that all fire risks on land under its control in residential areas, or areas abutting residential areas are abated.**
- 1.2 That council instigate a routine assessment for the presence of fire risks on all residential, rural residential and village areas and property abutting such areas within the district during October of each year.
- 1.3 That on receipt of a complaint relating to the presence of a fire risk, council undertake an inspection as required.
- 1.4 That all vacant residential properties (house blocks), in the closed residential zones and abutting areas, be required to clear the property of flammable material (with the exception of properties located in sensitive/fragile areas - ie subject to sand blow etc),
- 1.5 That vacant rural residential areas and abutting areas be provided with a fire break of sufficient width in accordance with the requirements of the Tasmania fire service - planning conditions and guidelines for subdivisions in bushfire prone areas and at the discretion of the director environmental services.
- 1.6 That council publish a fire risk removal notice in the local press, prior to the second week in November of each year and at other times when appropriate.
- 1.7 That owners or occupiers of land where risks are confirmed be served with a fire risk abatement notice requiring the removal of the risk within the period specified in that notice.
- 1.8 Council to instigate removal of the fire risk through the use of contractors, should no action be taken by the property owner within the designated time frame. All costs associated with the removal of the fire hazard to be at the property owners expense.

- 1.9 Where upon inspection, a fire risk is confirmed and is considered to be an immediate and serious danger to the public, council to instigate works immediately and the property owner advised in writing of council's actions.
- 1.10 Council will maintain a close working relationship with the Tasmanian fire service for the purpose of assessing and abating fire risk, where council is contested in its determination.
- 2 Intervention levels as provided by the Tasmanian fire services to be utilised by council in the assessment of fire risks and subsequent issue of fire risk abatement notices.
- 3 To provide appropriate training for those persons involved undertaking fire risk management assessments.