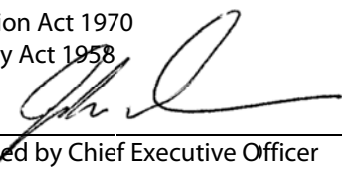


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1 PURPOSE

This policy outlines the approach to be adopted in relation to the enforcement of Council's Local Laws and associated Acts and Regulations.

2 SCOPE

This policy applies to council employees who are appointed and authorised for the purposes of enforcing Local Laws and associated Acts and Regulations.

3 POLICY

Council maintains powers under a variety of legislation including Local Laws created pursuant to section 111 of the Local Government Act 1989. In order to ensure compliance with the requirements of these instruments, Council has established the following policy with respect to its monitoring and enforcement activities.

The effective enforcement of Local Laws and other Acts and Regulations contributes to Council's vision for a vibrant, welcoming and connected community. Key enforcement issues addressed by this policy are unsightly properties, stock on roads, litter, keeping of animals, noise, permits to burn and registration of dogs and cats.

The following general enforcement principles shall be applied:

- Council will enforce the legislation in a fair and consistent manner, and will continue enforcement until a matter is resolved.
- Council may decide to focus on particular initiatives when the need arises within the community.
- Council will attempt to liaise with the responsible owner/occupier to negotiate a solution.
- An annual audit program will be conducted by the Local Laws Officer in March and September each year to ensure compliance with permit conditions.

4 HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT

It is considered that this policy does not impact negatively on any rights identified in the Charter of Human Rights Act (2007). Loddon Shire Council is committed to consultation and cooperation between management and employees. The Council will formally involve elected employee Health and Safety Representatives in any workplace change that may affect the health and safety of any of its employees.

5 REVIEW

The Director Operations will review this policy for any necessary amendments no later than 4 years after adoption of this current version.