

ROADS - POLICY - Collection of Firewood from Council Controlled Road Reserves

Policy

The removal of wood, either standing or fallen on Council road reserves is prohibited without the express written permission of Council.

Objective

To ensure the protection of roadside vegetation on Council road reserves within the Upper Hunter Shire Council area.

Procedures/Practice

This policy applies to all persons that desire to collect firewood from the road reserves including Council employees and contractors

Upper Hunter Shire Council acknowledges that standing and fallen wood are significant sources of habitat and food for many species of birds, mammals, reptiles and invertebrates as well as being an essential part of maintaining the woodland nutrient cycles. Removal of this wood from roadsides may represent a significant threat to the biodiversity of these environments.

Firewood collection by private parties is not regulated by detailed environmental assessment processes and as such poses a risk to roadside vegetation environments and their biodiversity.

The collection of firewood on Council road reserves is prohibited.

Road construction activities often require the removal of vegetation to improve the infrastructure or facilitate new construction. Vegetation removal is assessed at the time of preparing a Review of Environmental Factors, considering the significance of proposed works on the local environment and mitigation measures to minimise impacts of the proposed works.

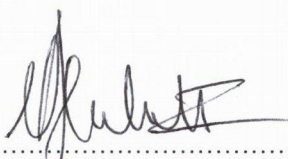
References

- This Policy was endorsed by Council at its meeting on 25 September 2017, and replaces the policy of the same name dated 24 February 2014

Review Date

November 2020 by Manager Works Delivery.

Authorised by:


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Waid Crockett, General Manager

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Date