



COUNCIL POLICY

CAMPING ON COUNCIL LAND

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Policy Number:	PO157		
Strategic Plan Objective	Goal 5 - Responsible Governance 5.3 Meet all legislative requirements and compliance with Council's internal controls		
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Responsible Officer:	Senior Compliance Officer	Minute Reference:	014/2017 (18/01/2017)
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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Policy is to provide a consistent, integrated approach for the management of camping on council land so as to enhance the quality of the visitor's experience and improve public safety without impacting on the natural and cultural environment. The Policy will encourage 'competitive neutrality' and does not aim to compete with commercial operations.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- (a) All land owned by the Yorke Peninsula Council ("the Council")
- (b) All land over which the Council has care and control and management
- (c) All roads within the Council area

3. DEFINITIONS

Authorised Person	A person appointed by a Council as an authorised person under Chapter 12 Part 3.
Camp	Includes setting up a camp, or causing a tent, caravan or motor home to remain on land for the purpose of staying overnight, whether or not any person is in attendance or sleeps on the land.
Competitive Neutrality	Principles designed to neutralise any net competitive advantage that a [State] government or local government agency engaged in significant business activities would otherwise have, by virtue of its control by the [State] government or local government, over private business operating in the same market.
Effective Control	A person is exercising effective control of a dog either— (i) by means of physical restraint (a chain, cord or leash that does not exceed 2 metres in length restraining the dog, a cage, vehicle or other object or structure); or (ii) by command, the dog being in close proximity to the person and the person being able to see the dog at all times.

Foreshore	Means land extending from the edge of any navigable waterway or body of water in Council's area to the nearest road or section boundary or for a distance of 50 metres (whichever is the lesser).
Formal Designated Camp Site	Land so designated by resolution of Council.
Local Government Land	Means all land owned by the Council or under Council's care and control and management, including the foreshore (but not roads).
Non-approved Camp Site	Land and/or a road that has not been designated as a Formal Designated Camp Site by resolution of Council.
Road	A public or private street, road or thoroughfare to which public access is available on a continuous or substantially continuous basis to vehicles or pedestrians or both and includes— (a) a bridge, viaduct or subway; or (b) an alley, laneway or walkway.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

The footprint of formal designated camp sites and non-approved camp sites have expanded into adjacent areas in many cases, causing significant damage to sand dunes and vegetation. For this reason, camping will only be permitted in Formal Designated Camp Sites as indicated by "Permitted Camping" signs. Council will, at some locations where camping is not permitted, place "No Camping" signs. In the absence of either sign, camping is not permitted.

Camping is not permitted unless first obtaining an on-line Bush Camping Permit via:

- (a) Council's website
- (b) Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre website
- (c) Any Council office, in person or by phone
- (d) Yorke Peninsula Visitor Information Centre, Minlaton, in person or by phone.

Council's Authorised Person will use their discretion as to the number of vehicles per site, depending on the type and size of the vehicles relative to the space available. Generally three vehicles will be allowed per site.

Council's Roads By-law 3 of 2013, states "no person without the permission of Council can camp or sleep overnight on a road." No permission will be given for persons to camp on roads as they are encouraged to utilize the available caravan parks within townships or the designated bush camping sites.

No person shall camp on a designated camping area for a period in excess of six consecutive weeks. If a person has camped on a designated camping area for six consecutive weeks, that person must not camp on any designated camping area until a further period of four consecutive weeks has expired. A discretionary exemption may be granted by an Authorised Officer, following a written request for an extension of time, if the extension is considered to be of a temporary nature.

Small camp fires for cooking and warmth are permitted unless a Total Fire Ban is in place for the Yorke Peninsula Fire Ban District. No firewood is to be taken from any local government land or road in the Council area unless a standard form SF017 Authorisation to Collect Fallen Timber has been completed, the appropriate fee paid and a permit issued by the Council.

Dogs are permitted within all camping grounds subject to them being under Effective Control.

All designated bush camping sites will be subject to a fee as set out in Council's Fees and Charges Register.

5. COMPLAINTS

Complaints about this policy can be made in writing to the Senior Compliance Officer. All complaints will be managed in accordance with PO147 Council's Complaints Policy.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years and also as necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

7. TRAINING

Training needs will be reviewed during induction, annually, during individual performance reviews and as necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

8. RELATED COUNCIL POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

PO147 Complaints Policy
Fees and Charges Register

9. REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1999
Dog and Cat Management Act 1995
Fire and Emergency Services Act 2005
Council By-laws

10. COUNCIL DELEGATION

<u>Delegate:</u>	<u>CEO</u>
<u>Sub Delegate:</u>	<u>SENIOR COMPLIANCE OFFICER</u>

11. VERSION HISTORY

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