



COUNCIL POLICY

Native Plant Collection Permits

Policy Number:	PO074		
Strategic Plan Objective	Meet all legislative and compliance responsibilities		
Policy Owner:	Director Development Services	File Number:	5.63.1
Responsible Officer:	Senior Compliance Officer	Minute Reference:	103/2013 (08/05/2013)
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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The aim of this Policy is to promote and support landscape rehabilitation activities, including planting and revegetation activities using plants that have been collected from near the site in a similar environment.

The Policy is also consistent with Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and meets the requirements of Section 221 of the Local Government Act where a person should not interfere or remove vegetation from a road unless authorised by a permit from Council to do so.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to all roads and land under the care and control of the District Council of Yorke Peninsula.

3. DEFINITIONS

Plant	For the purpose of harvesting plant includes flowers, seeds, fruits and any other part of the native vegetation
Roadside (As defined in Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Plan)	Strip of land between the road formation and the boundary of the road which is usually the boundary fence of the adjoining property.
Road	Is a road as defined in the Local Government Act within and under the control of the District Council of Yorke Peninsula, but does not include a road under the control of the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

Upon request Council may issue a permit to collect plants from all roads and land under the control of Council.

No permit will be given to harvest native plant from roadsides of Level 1 roads as defined in Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Plan.

Prior to collection of plant material the permit holder must have a Native Plant Material Collection Permit, issued by the Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources (DEWNR) and must comply with the DEWNR Native Plant Material Collection Policy.

Both permits must be carried by the collector whilst harvesting the plant material.

Care must be taken not to disturb the understory, tree hollows, nesting sites or any other part of the surrounding environment.

Plant is not to be collected from an isolated tree.

Plant is only to be collected from healthy trees that have the same species within 20 metres and where there are five or more trees of the same species spread at least 100 metres part.

Only as much seed as is required is to be collected while keeping damage to vegetation to a minimum.

No more than 20% of the fruit is to be removed from any one tree, unless the DEWNR permit states otherwise.

The harvesting of flowers from Native Plants is usually not permitted unless there are specific circumstances.

Precautions are to be taken to prevent the spread of weeds seeds and pathogens from one area to another by vehicles and pedestrians and to minimise land damage, especially in wet conditions.

The permit is valid for twelve (12) calendar months from the date the permit is issued.

5. COMPLAINTS

Complaints in relation to Native Plant Collection Permits can be made in writing to the Senior Compliance Officer.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every 5 years and as necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

7. TRAINING

Training needs will be reviewed as part of Council's Training Plan and as necessary in consideration of performance reviews, changes to legislation and relevant standards, codes and guidelines.

8. RELATED COUNCIL POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

DCYP Roadside Vegetation Management Plan
SF041 Seed Collection Permit
RO11 Fees and Charges Register

9. REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Native Vegetation Act 1972 and Native Vegetation Regulations 2003
Local Government Act 1999
National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972 and Native Parks and Wildlife Regulations 2001
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act 1999

10. COUNCIL DELEGATION

Delegate:	Chief Executive Officer
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Sub Delegate:	Director Development Services
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11. VERSION HISTORY

Archived Policy Name	Policy Number	Date Adopted	Last Reviewed
Seed Collection Permits Policy	PO074	7/4/2003	8/6/2010