

# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Local Law No 1 (Administration) 2011



### What is the purpose of a Local Law?

North Burnett Regional Council Local Law No1 and its associated Subordinate Local Law No 1 provide the framework for Council to administer its suite of local laws and subordinate local laws.

### This local law provides for:

- Council to grant approvals for certain activities on Council controlled land and roads.
- Council to monitor and regulate activities such as animal keeping for the greater benefit of the community.
- The right of appeal under a reviewable decision process.
- Administrative provisions that allow for the operation of the local laws.

Applications for permits are all made under this local law (see Council's fees and charges schedule for further info).

### How does this affect me?

If you wish to undertake certain activities, you may require an approval from Council.

Some examples are:

- Set up and operate a campground
- Operate a temporary entertainment event
- Operate a commercial activity on Council controlled land
- Place commercial items on a footpath in front of a business premises – including tables and chairs for outside dining.
- Establish or occupy a temporary home
- Keep more than the allowable number of animals at your property.

The list is not exhaustive, and Council encourages you to view the local laws on its website for full details.

### Authorised Council staff:

Certain Council staff are 'authorised persons' under state legislation and the local laws. They conduct activities such as:

- Animal control
- Impoundment of abandoned vehicles and goods
- Conduct inspections prior to the issue of an approval
- Engage in public education and awareness

### Where can I get more information?

Visit Council's website, [northburnett.qld.gov.au/local-laws/](http://northburnett.qld.gov.au/local-laws/), in person at your local Customer Service Centres and Library or contact Council on 1300 696 272.

# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Local Law No 2 (Animal Management) 2011



### What is the purpose of a Local Law?

North Burnett Regional Council Local Law No2 and its associated Subordinate Local Law No2 provide the framework for Council to administer its animal control obligations and duties.

It is designed to assist Council staff to promote and maintain a safe community, where people are free from aggressive animals, as well as annoyance and disruption caused by animal behaviour.

This local law also supports the State Government - *Animal Management (cats and dogs) Act 2008*.

### This local law provides for:

- The keeping of animals - type, numbers, where permitted, living conditions, approvals, de-sexing and identification.
- Control of animals – public places, restraint (public and private), aggressive behaviour by animals other than dogs, dangerous animals other than dogs.
- Seizure, impounding, and destruction of animals.
- Appeals against destruction orders.

### How does this affect me?

If you own an animal, you are responsible for it. You are responsible for its living conditions for keeping it contained on your property and preventing it from wandering. You are responsible for preventing it causing annoyance and disruption to other members of the community.

This local law and its subordinate local law prohibit the keeping of animals in certain circumstances, such as:

- The keeping of a rooster on an allotment within a defined urban area of less than 4000m<sup>2</sup>
- The keeping certain livestock animals on an allotment with an area less than 6000m<sup>2</sup>

Approvals can be obtained for some activities such as:

- Keeping more than 2 dogs on an urban property

### Regulatory Function:

Council's Local Laws officers (Rangers) operate under this local law and will often be seen in the community following up on animal related matters. They have a role in education, however, they also have the authority to issue infringement notices and commence legal action in certain circumstances. In some cases, they can also seize animals where offences are being committed.

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# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Local Law No 3

### (Community and Environmental Management) 2011



#### What is the purpose of a Local Law?

North Burnett Regional Council Local Law No3 and its associated Subordinate Local Law No3 provide the framework for Council to administer its obligations and duties in respect to the environment in which we all live and share.

This local law supports the State Government *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the *Biosecurity Act 2014*, and the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*.

#### This local law provides for:

- Declared local pests – meaning plants and animals, emergency declarations, application of declarations, control of local pests – power to search for declared local pests, pest control notices, prohibition of sale and propagation.
- Overgrown and unsightly allotments – overgrown allotments, accumulation of object and materials on allotments.
- Fires and fire hazards – regulation of lighting and maintaining fires in the open.
- Community safety hazards – what is a community safety hazard, power to enter and inspect, removal and reduction, prescribed requirements.
- Noise standards – prescribed noise standards.

#### How does this affect me?

As members of the community, we are all responsible for maintaining an environment that is free from invasive pest plant and animal species (please also General Biosecurity Obligation (GBO) under the *Biosecurity Act 2014*).

We are also responsible for maintaining the amenity and liveability of our communities. This includes preventing overgrowth of grass and vegetation, build-up of unsightly objects affecting visual amenity, responsible use of fire for clearing, heating and cooking purposes, as well as reducing hazards to the community such as barbed wire fences in urban areas, and fence panels vulnerable to detachment in high wind conditions.

#### Regulatory Function:

Councils Local Laws Officers (Rangers), Environmental Protection Officers and Biosecurity Officers are all authorised persons that operate within the framework of this local law. They have powers to investigate complaints, conduct inspections, issue infringement notices and commence prosecutions; though advise and education is always the preferred course of initial action.

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# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Local Law No 4

### (Local Government Controlled Areas, Facilities and Roads) 2011



#### What is the purpose of a Local Law?

North Burnett Regional Council Local Law No4 and its associated Subordinate Local Law No4 are primarily concerned with matters affecting local government-controlled areas, facilities and roads.

#### This local law provides for:

- Use of local government-controlled areas, facilities and roads – prohibited and restricted activities, motor vehicle access to local government-controlled areas, opening hours of local government-controlled areas, power of closure of local government-controlled areas.
- Matters affecting roads – power to require owner of land adjoining road to fence land, numbering of premises and allotments adjoining road.

#### How does this affect me?

This local law deals with access to local government-controlled areas such as parks and reserves, as well as the activities that are prohibited in them. It also sets out requirements for a numbering system for property situated along a local government-controlled road. Owners of properties can also be required under this local law to fence their land that adjoins the road, in order to keep animals contained on properties and prevent them from causing danger on the roads.

Council controlled areas also include boat ramps, bridges, aerodromes, footpaths and cemeteries.

#### Authorised Council Staff:

Authorised Council staff under the framework of this local law can exercise closure powers in respect of local government-controlled facilities, investigate complaints about activities that occur in or on these facilities. They can also require fencing to be installed in certain locations adjacent to roads including the issue of compliance notices to relevant property owners and occupiers to ensure the safety of the community at large.

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# NORTH BURNETT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## Local Law No 6

### (Waste Management) 2011



#### What is the purpose of a Local Law?

North Burnett Regional Council's Local Law No 6 provides the framework for Council to operate its waste services activities dealing with waste collection, storage and disposal. It also sets out how occupiers of premises {the community} collect and store waste on those premises.

#### This local law provides for:

- Waste management - general waste/storage.
- Removal of general waste.
- Storage and treatment of industrial waste.
- Waste receipt and disposal.

#### How does this affect me?

As a user of Council's Waste Management Facilities, direction provided by Council staff must be followed. It is the responsibility of the owner, operator/s and staff to ensure operations are conducted in accordance with Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 and Local Law 6.

#### Authorised Council Staff:

Council's Environment Officers are authorised persons that operate within the framework of this local law. Officers have powers to investigate complaints, conduct inspections, issue infringement notices and commence prosecutions; though advise and education is always the preferred course of initial action.

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