

Central Highlands Regional Council

Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2012

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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This subordinate local law may be cited as *Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2012*.

2 Purpose and how it is to be achieved

- (1) The purpose of this subordinate local law is to supplement *Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2012*, which provides for protecting the environment and public health, safety and amenity within the local government's area.
- (2) The purpose is to be achieved by providing for—
 - (a) declaration of local pests; and
 - (b) prohibition of lighting or maintaining certain fires; and
 - (c) declaration of fire hazards; and
 - (d) declaration of community safety hazards; and
 - (e) prescribed requirements for owners of land containing community safety hazards; and
 - (f) declaration of noise standards.

3 Authorising local law

The making of the provisions in this subordinate local law is authorised by *Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environment Management) 2012* (the **authorising local law**).

4 Definitions

Particular words used in this subordinate local law have the same meaning as provided for in the authorising local law.

Part 2 Declared local pests

5 Declaration of local pests—Authorising local law, s 6(1)

For section 6(1) of the authorising local law, the animal or plant prescribed in column 1 of schedule 1 is a declared pest in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 2 of schedule 1.

6 Persons exempted from introducing etc a declared local pest—Authorising local law, s 12(2)

For section 12(2) of the authorising local law, a person mentioned in column 1 of schedule 2 is exempt from section 12(1) of the authorising local law in relation to introducing, propagating, breeding or providing harbour to a declared local pest mentioned in the corresponding part of column 2 of schedule 2.

Part 3 Overgrown and unsightly allotments

This part in the authorising local law does not contain any matters to be provided for by subordinate local law.

Part 4 Fires and fire hazards

7 Prohibition on lighting or maintaining fires—Authorising local law, s 15(2)

- (1) This section applies to the following fires¹—
 - (a) a fire in which neither the height, width nor length of the material to be consumed exceeds 2 metres;
 - (b) a fire lit for the purpose of burning the carcass of a beast in a designated town area;
 - (c) a fire lit out-doors, if not enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material therefrom.
- (2) For section 15(2) of the authorising local law, lighting or maintaining a fire described in column 2 of schedule 3 is declared to be prohibited in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 1 of schedule 3.

8 Fire hazards—Authorising local law, s 16(3)(b)

For section 16(3)(b) of the authorising local law, the following are declared to be fire hazards—

- (a) live cinders or hot ash that is not enclosed in a fireplace/incinerator/bar-b-que so constructed as to prevent the escape of cinders or ash;
- (b) a substantial accumulation of grass clippings/wood chip/mulch that is liable to spontaneous combustion;
- (c) dry vegetation that could be easily ignited or other flammable materials.

Part 5 Community safety hazards

¹ Pursuant to a notification by the Fire and Rescue Services Commissioner published in the gazette on 6 August 2004 under section 63 of the *Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*, the listed fires can generally be lit without a permit issued by a fire warden, provided adequate precautions are taken to prevent the spread of fire and the fire conforms with any local law. Local laws can therefore regulate these types of fire, which is the purpose of this subordinate local law.

9 Community safety hazards—Authorising local law, s 17(c)

For section 17(c) of the authorising local law, the following are declared to be community safety hazards—

- (a) barbed wire fencing; and
- (b) electric fencing; and
- (c) wells (including disused wells).

10 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards—Authorising local law, s 20(1)

For section 20(1) of the authorising local law, a responsible person for a community safety hazard listed in column 1 of schedule 4 must meet the requirements prescribed in the corresponding part of column 2 of schedule 4.

Part 6 Miscellaneous

This part in the authorising local law does not contain any matters to be provided for by subordinate local law.

Schedule 1 Declared local pests

Section 5

Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area	Column 2 Declared local pest
Whole CHRC area	Sword Pear <i>Acanthocereus pentagonus</i> <i>Acanthocereus tetragonus</i>
Whole CHRC area	Willows Cactus <i>Cereus uruguayanus</i>
Whole CHRC area	Sisal <i>Various Species</i>
Whole CHRC area	African Love Grass <i>Eragrostis curvula</i>
Whole CHRC area	Blue Heliotope <i>Heliotropium amplexicaule</i>
Whole CHRC area	Feral Leucaena <i>Leucaena leucocphephala</i>

**Schedule 2 Persons exempted from offence of
introducing etc declared local pest**

Section 6 (2)

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Schedule 3 Prohibited fires

Section 7(2)

	Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area	Column 2 Prohibited fire
1	Entire local government area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fire that is not contained in a commercial standard incinerator constructed in accordance with Australian Standard 1875 (or any other applicable Australian Standard) OR • Any open fire on private property in a designated town area OR • Any fire on an allotment having an area less than 4,100 square metres, unless it is enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material therefrom
2	Local government controlled areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A fire that is not in a fireplace, barbeque or incinerator

Schedule 4 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards

Section 10

	Column 1 Community safety hazard	Column 2 Prescribed requirements to be met by owner of land
1	Barbed wire fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing not to be installed along a boundary adjoining a public park • Barbed wire to be used in urban areas only in a security fence with the barbed wire to be more than 2 metres off the ground
2	Electric fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing that adjoins any road or public land to have warning signs of a size that can be read from a distance of 5 metres and fixed at 5 metre intervals along the fence • Fencing must be situated at least 1500mm from a fence located on or within the boundary of the premises OR such that if the fencing is installed on the boundary of the premises the lowest point of the fencing capable of imparting an electric shock when touched is at least 2000 mm in height • Fencing must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3014:2003. • Fencing for security must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 016:2002.
4	Wells (including disused wells)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be securely fenced and covered.

Schedule 5 (Intentionally blank)

Certificate

This and the preceding nine (9) pages bearing my initials is a certified copy of *Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2012*, made in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act 2009*, by the Central Highlands Regional Council by resolution dated the 6th day of February 2012.

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Chief Executive Officer