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## BUSH FIRES ACT 1954 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

SHIRE OF NARROGIN

## **BUSH FIRE BRIGADES LOCAL LAW 2017**

Under the powers conferred by the *Bush Fires Act 1954*, the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Narrogin resolved on 23 August 2017 to make the following local law.

#### PART 1-PRELIMINARY

#### 1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the Shire of Narrogin Bush Fire Brigades Local Law 2017.

### **1.2 Commencement**

This local law will come into operation 14 days after its publication in the Government Gazette.

### **1.3 Application**

This local law applies throughout the district.

## **1.4 Definitions**

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Bush Fires Act 1954;

bush fire brigade has the meaning given to it in section 7 of the Act;

*bush fire brigade area* has the meaning given to it in clause 2.2(b);

- *bush fire brigade member* means a volunteer fire fighter having current membership of a bush fire brigade;
- bush fire brigade officer means a person holding a position referred to in clause 3.3(1);
- *bush fire control officer* means a person appointed by the local government to exercise the powers of a bush fire control officer or bush fire officer in accordance with the Act and this local law;

**Bush Fire Operating Procedures** means the Bush Fire Operating Procedures as may be adopted by the local government and amended from time to time;

Captain means the person holding or acting in that position in a bush fire brigade;

CBFCO means the Chief Bush Fire Control Officer;

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

*Council* means the Council of the local government;

*district* means the district of the local government;

*Lieutenant* means the person holding that position in a bush fire brigade;

*local government* means the Shire of Narrogin;

normal brigade activities has the meaning given to it in section 35A of the Act;

**President** means President of the Council;

Regulations means Regulations made under the Act; and

volunteer fire fighter has the meaning given to it in section 35A of the Act.

## PART 2-ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADES

## 2.1 Establishment of a bush fire brigade

(1) The local government may establish a bush fire brigade for the purpose of carrying out normal brigade activities.

(2) A bush fire brigade is established on the date of the local government's decision under subclause (1).

## 2.2 Name and area of bush fire brigade

On establishing a bush fire brigade under clause 2.1(1) the local government is to—

- (a) give a name to the bush fire brigade; and
- (b) specify the area in which the bush fire brigade is primarily responsible for carrying out the normal brigade activities.

## 2.3 Objects of bush fire brigades

The objects of the bush fire brigade are to carry out—

- (a) the normal brigade activities; and
- (b) the functions of the bush fire brigade which are specified in the Act, the Regulations and this local law.

## 2.4 Chain of command during normal brigade activities

(1) Subject to the Act, the chain of command to apply during normal brigade activities is-

- (a) bush fire control officers in order of seniority;
- (b) bush fire brigade officers in order of seniority; and
- (c) all other volunteer fire fighters.

(2) The person in command has full control over other persons fighting the fire, and is to issue instructions as to the methods to be adopted by the fire fighters, and may exercise all the powers and duties provided for by the Act.

## 2.5 Existing bush fire brigades

A bush fire brigade established prior to the day on which this local law comes into operation-

- (a) is to be taken to be a bush fire brigade established under and in accordance with this local law;
- (b) the provisions of this local law apply to the bush fire brigade save for clause 2.1; and
- (c) any rules governing the operation of the bush fire brigade are repealed and substituted with the provisions of this local law.

## 2.6 Dissolution of bush fire brigade

In accordance with section 41(3) of the Act, the local government may cancel the registration of a bush fire brigade if it is of the opinion that the bush fire brigade is not complying with the Act, this local law, or is not achieving the objectives for which it was established.

## 2.7 New arrangement after dissolution

If a local government cancels the registration of a bush fire brigade, alternative fire control arrangements are to be made in respect of the brigade area.

## PART 3-ORGANISATION OF BUSH FIRE BRIGADES

## 3.1 Local government responsible for structure

The local government is to ensure that there is an appropriate structure through which the organisation of bush fire brigades is maintained.

## 3.2 Appointment of bush fire control officers

(1) The local government may appoint bush fire control officers in their absolute discretion, and apply conditions as considered appropriate.

(2) Where only one person is appointed as a bush fire control officer, that person is the CBFCO for the purposes of this local law.

(3) Where more than one person is appointed as a bush fire control officer, the local government shall determine seniority as CBFCO, Deputy CBFCO, and further seniority as is considered appropriate.

(4) When considering the appointment of a person as a bush fire control officer, the local government is to have regard to the qualifications, training and experience which may be advisable to fill the position.

## 3.3 Appointment of bush fire brigade officers

(1) The local government shall appoint the following bush fire brigade officers in their absolute discretion—

- (a) a bush fire control officer from the bush fire brigade area to be Captain;
- (b) where there is more than one bush fire control officer in a bush fire brigade area, a bush fire control officer from the bush fire brigade area as first lieutenant;
- (c) where there is not more than one bush fire control officer in a bush fire brigade area, an appropriate person from the bush fire brigade area as first lieutenant; and
- (d) if considered necessary, any additional officers as necessary for the effective management of normal brigade activities.

(2) The local government may remove any appointed person from any position.

(3) A bush fire brigade may make appointments to other positions as they see fit and as considered appropriate.

(4) When considering the appointment of persons to the positions of Captain, Lieutenant or other position, the local government is to have regard to the qualifications, training and experience which may be advisable to fill each position.

## 3.4 Managerial role of CBFCO

Subject to any directions by the local government, the CBFCO—

- (a) has primary managerial responsibility for the organisation and maintenance of bush fire brigades;
- (b) is to support Captains and bush fire brigade officers in their roles; and
- (c) where a vacancy in the position of Captain appointed under clause 3.3(1)(a), or in order of seniority, other appointed bush fire brigade officer willing to act in that position, the CBFCO is to act as Captain until an appointment is made by the local government to the position.

#### 3.5 Duties of Captain and bush fire brigade officers

(1) The duties of the Captain include—

- (a) to provide leadership to bush fire brigades;
- (b) to monitor bush fire brigades' resourcing, equipment and training levels;
- (c) to liaise with the local government concerning—
  - (i) fire prevention or fire suppression matters generally;
  - (ii) directions to be issued by the local government to bush fire control officers (including those who issue permits to burn);
  - (iii) bush fire brigades; or
  - (iv) bush fire brigade officers;
- (d) to ensure that lists of bush fire brigade members are maintained in accordance with clause 4.3(1);
- (e) to report annually to the local government the office bearers of the bush fire brigade in the form of Form 12 of the Regulations;
- (f) to report to the local government not later than 30 April each year, for consideration and appropriate provision being made in the next local government budget, the status of a bush fire brigade's—
  - (i) training and readiness;
  - (ii) protective clothing;
  - (iii) equipment; and
  - (iv) vehicles and appliances;
- (g) to consider the nomination of persons to the local government for appointment as bush fire control officers by the local government;
- (h) to arrange for normal brigade activities as authorised by the Act or by the local government;
- (i) where a vacancy occurs in a position appointed under clause 3.3(1)(b) or (c), to—
  - (i) advise the CEO of the vacancy as soon as practicable ; and,
  - (ii) make alternate suitable arrangements for that position until an appointment is made by the local government; and
- (j) to make recommendations to the local government for endorsement prior to implementation.

(2) The duties of other bush fire brigade officers are to support the CBFCO and Captain in their roles.

## 3.6 Training of bush fire control officers

(1) The local government is to supply each bush fire control officer and Captain with a copy of the Act, the Regulations, any Bush Fire Operating Procedures adopted, this local law and any other written laws which may be relevant to the performance of the bush fire brigade officers' functions, and any amendments made from time to time.

(2) Bush fire control officers are required to complete a Bush Fire Control Officers course conducted by an organisation approved by the CEO, within 12 months of appointment, unless a course has been completed within the 4 years prior to appointment as a bush fire control officer.

(3) Bush fire control officers are required to complete a bush fire control officers course at least once every 5 years.

## PART 4-MEMBERSHIP

## 4.1 Types of membership of bush fire brigades

(1) The membership of a bush fire brigade consists of volunteer fire fighters.

(2) Registration as a volunteer fire fighter does not commit the person to participating in all normal brigade activities.

#### 4.2 Membership applications

The decision on admission of a bush fire brigade member, with or without conditions or restrictions, may be made by—  $\!\!\!$ 

- (a) either the Captain or CBFCO; jointly with
- (b) either the CEO or President.

## 4.3 Membership—review, refusal, suspension or termination

(1) No later than 30 April in each year, the Captain is to review the membership and report to the CEO and CBFCO the name and contact details of each bush fire brigade member.

(2) If circumstances warrant, membership of the bush fire brigade may be refused or suspended at any time for a period considered appropriate in the opinion of—

- (a) either the Captain or CBFCO; jointly with
- (b) either the CEO or President.

(3) Membership of the bush fire brigade terminates if the member-

- (a) dies;
- (b) gives written notice of resignation to the Captain or CEO;
- (c) is permanently incapacitated by mental or physical ill-health; or
- (d) is no longer a resident or a landowner or occupier in the district, or for other sufficient reason.
- (4) A decision to terminate membership under subclause (3)(c) or (d) is to be made by-
  - (a) either the Captain or CBFCO; jointly with
    - (b) either the CEO or President.

(5) Where a decision under subclause (2), (3)(c) or (3)(d) is unable to be agreed, the matter is to be referred to the local government.

(6) The decision of the local government shall be final.

(7) Members are eligible to reapply where membership has ceased for any reason.

## 4.4 Member has right to review

(1) A bush fire brigade member may appeal to the local government, any-

- (a) refusal of membership;
- (b) suspension of membership; or
- (c) termination of membership.

(2) The decision of the local government shall be final.

## 4.5 Existing liabilities to continue

The resignation, suspension or termination of a member under clause 4.3 does not affect any liability of the bush fire brigade member arising prior to the date of resignation, suspension or termination of membership.

## 4.6 Disagreements

(1) Any disagreement between bush fire brigade members regarding normal brigade activities may be referred to the Captain.

(2) Where a disagreement in subclause (1) is considered by the Captain to be of importance to the interests of the bush fire brigade, then the Captain may refer the disagreement to the CBFCO or to the local government.

(3) Where a disagreement is referred to the CBFCO, the CBFCO may-

- (a) determine the disagreement; or
- (b) refer the matter to the local government.

(4) The local government is the final authority on matters affecting the bush fire brigade, and may resolve any disagreement referred to it.

## PART 5-GENERAL

#### 5.1 Administration

All administrative matters of a bush fire brigade are to be managed by the local government, other than bush fire brigade specific internal arrangements.

## 5.2 Finances

All financial matters of a bush fire brigade are to be managed by the local government, other than bush fire brigade specific internal arrangements.

## 5.3 Equipment

All equipment purchased by the local government is the property of, and shall be insured by, the local government.

#### 5.4 Consideration in the local government budget

In addition to funding made available through emergency services grants, the local government may provide further funding depending upon the assessment of budget priorities for the year in question.

Dated 24 August 2017.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Narrogin was affixed by authority of a resolution of Council in the presence of—

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1995

## SHIRE OF NARROGIN

## **EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES LOCAL LAW 2017**

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## SHIRE OF NARROGIN

## **EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES LOCAL LAW 2017**

Under the powers conferred by the *Local Government Act 1995* and under all other powers enabling it, the Council of the Shire of Narrogin resolved on 23 August 2017 to make the following local law.

## PART 1-PRELIMINARY

## 1.1 Citation

This local law may be cited as the Shire of Narrogin Extractive Industries Local Law 2017.

#### **1.2 Commencement**

This local law comes into operation 14 days after the date of its publication in the *Government Gazette*.

## **1.3 Application**

- The provisions of this local law—
  - (a) subject to paragraphs (b), (c) and (d)-
    - (i) apply and have force and effect throughout the whole of the district; and
    - (ii) apply to every excavation whether commenced prior to or following the coming into operation of this local law;
  - (b) do not apply to the extraction of minerals under the *Mining Act 1978*;
  - (c) do not apply to the carrying on of an extractive industry on Crown land; and
  - (d) do not apply to the carrying on of an extractive industry on land by the owner or occupier of that land for use on that land.

## **1.4 Definitions**

In this local law unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Local Government Act 1995;

- *carry on an extractive industry* means quarrying and excavating for stone, gravel, sand and other material, and the transporting of the material off the site, but excludes extractive activities undertaken by statutory authorities;
- *application for licence* includes application to renew, transfer, vary or cancel a licence as the context requires;
- *authorised person* means a person appointed by the local government to perform all or any of the functions conferred on an authorised person under this local law;

**CEO** means the Chief Executive Officer of the local government;

- *district* means the district of the Shire of Narrogin;
- *excavation* includes quarry;

*infringement notice* means the notice referred to in clause 10.4(a);

*land,* unless the context requires otherwise, means the land on which the applicant proposes carrying on the extractive industry to which the licence application relates, and includes adjoining lots or locations in the same occupation or ownership;

*licence* means a licence issued under this local law;

*licensee* means the person named in the licence as the licensee;

*local government* means the Shire of Narrogin;

*local planning scheme* means a planning scheme of the local government made under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*;

*notice of withdrawal* means the notice referred to in clause 10.4(b);

owner has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the Act;

occupier has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the Act;

*person* does not include the local government;

- *planning approval* means an approval for a development and/or a land use that is issued under a local planning scheme administered by the local government;
- Schedule means a schedule to this local law;
- *secured sum* means the sum required to be paid or the amount of a bond, bank guarantee or other security under clause 3.7;
- set fee a fee determined by the local government in accordance with sections 6.16 to 6.19 of the Act;

*site* means the land specified by the local government in a licence.

thoroughfare has the meaning given to it in section 1.4 of the Act; and

transferee means a person who applies for the transfer of a licence to her or him under clause 4.7.

#### PART 2—REQUIREMENT FOR LICENCE

## 2.1 Extractive industries prohibited without licence

A person must not carry on an extractive industry-

- (a) unless the person is the holder of a valid and current licence; and
- (b) otherwise than in accordance with any terms and conditions set out in, or applying in respect of, the licence.

## PART 3—APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 Applicant to advertise proposal

(1) Unless the local government first approves otherwise, a person seeking the issue of a licence shall, before making application for a licence—

- (a) forward a notice to—
  - (i) the owners and occupiers of all land adjoining the land upon which it is proposed to excavate, or within an area determined by the local government as likely to be affected by the granting of a licence; and
  - (ii) every authority or person having control or jurisdiction over any of the things referred to in clause 3.3(1)(g) and (h) within 500 metres from the boundaries of the land, or within an area determined by the local government as likely to be affected by the granting of a licence; and
- (b) as soon as practicable after complying with the requirements of paragraph (a)—
  - (i) forward a copy of the notice to the CEO; and
  - (ii) publish the notice in a newspaper circulating in the area in which the proposed excavation is located.

(2) The information contained in the notice referred to in subclause (1) shall include but is not limited to—

- (a) particulars of the proposed excavation; and
- (b) inviting objections or comments to be made to the CEO within 21 days of date of receipt of the notice.
- (3) The local government may undertake a public consultation process including but not limited to—
  - (a) provision of information by mail or similar;
  - (b) electronically through a website or similar; and
  - (c) public meetings.

(4) The local government may, within 14 days after receiving a copy of a notice referred to in subclause (1), cause to be displayed, or require the proposed applicant to display, in a prominent position on the land one or more notices—

- (a) in a form approved by the local government;
- (b) the content, size, construction and position of which have been approved by the local government;
- (c) specifying particulars of the proposed excavation; and
- (d) inviting objections or comments within 21 days from the placement of the notice.

## **3.2 Application for licence**

(1) An application for a licence shall—

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) state—
  - (i) name of person or company for whom the application is being lodged;
  - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company and in relation to the application;
  - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
  - (iv) postal and street address.

- (c) be accompanied by-
  - (i) the set fee;
  - (ii) a current certificate of currency for public liability policy in accordance with clause 7.1;
  - (iii) the consent in writing to the application from the owner of the excavation site; and
  - (iv) a copy of the planning approval for an extractive industry to be conducted on the land;
- (d) include any information that the local government may reasonably require; and
- (e) be signed by the applicant.

(2) An application for a licence must be lodged with the local government together with details of the proposed excavation, including but not limited to—

- (a) a plan of the excavation site in accordance with clause 3.3;
- (b) a works and excavation program in accordance with clause 3.4;
- (c) a rehabilitation and decommissioning program in accordance with clause 3.5;
- (d) evidence that a datum peg has been established on the land related to a point approved by the local government on the surface of a constructed public thoroughfare or such other land in the vicinity;
- (e) a certificate from a licensed surveyor;
- (f) evidence that the requirements of clause 3.1(1), (3) and (4) have been carried out;
- (g) copies of all land use planning approvals required under any planning legislation;
- (h) copies of any environmental approval required under any environmental legislation;
- (i) copies of any geotechnical information relating to the excavation site;
- (j) evidence that an application for a clearing permit has been lodged with the Department of Environmental Regulation if that is required under regulation 5 of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004; and
- (k) any other information that the local government may reasonably require.

(3) The application under subclause (1) and detailed information under subclause (2) shall consist of 1 signed paper copy and an electronic copy.

(4) The local government may exempt a person making an application for a licence from supplying any of the data specified in subclause (2)(c), (d), (e) or (i), where—

- (a) the surface area is not to exceed 2000 square metres; and
- (b) the material to be extracted from the proposed excavation is not to exceed 2000 cubic metres.

## 3.3 Plan of excavation site

- (1) The plan referred to in clause 3.2(2)(a) shall be in a scale of between 1:500 and 1:2000 showing—
  - (a) the existing and proposed land contours based on the Australian Height Datum and plotted at 1 metre contour intervals;
  - (b) the land on which the excavation site is to be located;
  - (c) the external surface dimensions of the land;
  - (d) the location and depth of the existing and proposed excavation of the land;
  - (e) the location of existing and proposed thoroughfares or other means of vehicle access to and egress from the land and to public thoroughfares in the vicinity of the land;
  - (f) the location of buildings, treatment plant, tanks and other improvements and developments existing on, approved for or proposed in respect of the land;
  - (g) the location of existing infrastructure services including but not limited to powerlines and communication cables, and any associated poles or pylons, sewers, pipelines, reserves, bridges, railway lines and registered grants of easement or other encumbrances over, on, under or adjacent to or in the vicinity of the land;
  - (h) the location of all existing bores, dams, watercourses, drains or sumps on or adjacent to the land;
  - (i) the location and description of existing and proposed fences, gates and warning signs around the land; and
  - (j) the location of the areas proposed to be used for stockpiling excavated material, treated material, overburden and soil storage on the land and elsewhere;

(2) All survey data supplied by an applicant for the purpose of subclause (1) shall comply with Australian Height Datum and Australian Map Grid standards.

#### 3.4 Works and excavation program

The works and excavation program referred to in clause 3.2(2)(b) shall contain—

- (a) the nature and estimated duration of the proposed excavation for which the licence is applied;
- (b) the stages and the timing of the stages in which it is proposed to carry out the excavation;
- (c) details of the methods to be employed in the proposed excavation and a description of any onsite processing works;
- (d) details of the depth and extent of the existing and proposed excavation of the site;
- (e) an estimate of the depth of and description of the nature and quantity of the overburden to be removed;

- (f) a description of the methods by which existing vegetation is to be cleared and topsoil and overburden removed or stockpiled;
- (g) a description of the means of access to the excavation site and the types of thoroughfares to be constructed;
- (h) details of the proposed number and size of trucks entering and leaving the site each day and the route or routes to be taken by those vehicles;
- (i) a description of any proposed buildings, water supply, treatment plant, tanks and other improvements;
- (j) details of drainage conditions applicable to the land and methods by which the excavation site is to be kept drained;
- (k) a description of the measures to be taken to minimise sand drift, dust nuisance, erosion, watercourse siltation and dangers to the general public;
- (l) a noise management plan, including a description of the measures to be taken to comply with the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* and the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*;
- (m) a description of the existing site environment and a report on the anticipated effect that the proposed excavation will have on the environment in the vicinity of the land;
- (n) details of the nature of existing vegetation, shrubs and trees and a description of measures to be taken to minimise the destruction of existing vegetation;
- (o) a description of the measures to be taken in screening the excavation site, or otherwise minimising adverse visual impacts, from nearby thoroughfares or other areas; and
- (p) details of measures to reduce impact on the adjoining owners and occupiers, and the wider community.

## 3.5 Rehabilitation and decommissioning program

The rehabilitation and decommissioning program referred to in clause 3.2(2)(c) shall indicate-

- (a) the objectives of the program, having due regard to the nature of the surrounding area and the proposed end-use of the excavation site;
- (b) whether restoration and reinstatement of the excavation site is to be undertaken progressively or upon completion of excavation operations;
- (c) how any face is to be made safe and batters sloped;
- (d) the method by which topsoil is to be replaced and revegetated;
- (e) the numbers and types of trees and shrubs to be planted and other landscaping features to be developed;
- (f) how rehabilitated areas are to be maintained; and
- (g) the program for the removal of buildings, plant, waste and final site clean up.

## 3.6 Certificate of a licensed surveyor

The certificate from a licensed survey or referred to in subclause 3.2(2)(e) shall certify the correctness of —

- (a) the datum peg and related point referred to in subclause 3.2(2)(d); and
- (b) the plan referred to in subclause 3.2(2)(a).

#### 3.7 Security for restoration of excavation site and for road infrastructure

(1) The local government may require that the licensee shall give to the local government a bond, bank guarantee or other security, of a kind and in a form acceptable to the local government, in or for a sum determined by the local government, for the purposes of—

- (a) ensuring that an excavation site is properly restored or reinstated; and
- (b) ensuring that road infrastructure is repaired and maintained to the standard agreed in accordance with subclauses 4.4(2) and (3).

(2) The security required under subclause (1) may be required to be provided by the applicant to the local government—

- (a) as a condition of a licence; or
- (b) before the issue of a licence.

(3) A bond required under subclause (1) is to be paid into a fund established by the local government for the purposes of this clause.

(4) If a bank guarantee or other security required under subclause (1) ceases to be current, excavation is to cease until a further security in a form acceptable to the local government has been provided.

(5) Subject to clause 7.4, any interest accrued in respect of the bond paid into the fund under subclause (3) is to be returned to the licensee at the completion of the restoration and reinstatement works required by the licence conditions or otherwise under this local law.

## PART 4—LICENCING

## 4.1 When an application may be determined

An application for a licence is not to be determined by the local government until-

(a) the applicant submits proof of that the requirements for notices, public information and consultation have been undertaken in accordance with subclauses 3.1(1), (2) and (3);

- (b) the applicant has made an application for licence in accordance with subclause 3.2(1), (2) and (3);
- (c) the local government has considered any written submissions received within the time specified in subclauses 3.1(2)(b) and 3.1(4); and
- (d) planning approval for an extractive industry use of the land has been obtained.

## 4.2 Determination of application

- (1) Upon receipt of an application, the local government may-
  - (a) refuse the application; or
  - (b) approve the application—
    - (i) over the whole or part of the land in respect of which the application is made; and
    - (ii) on such terms and conditions, if any, as it sees fit.

(2) The local government may refuse to consider an application for a licence that does not comply with the requirements of clause 3.2.

(3) Where the local government approves an application for a licence, it shall—

- (a) determine the licence period, not exceeding 21 years from the date of issue; and
- (b) approve the issue of a licence in the form determined by the local government from time to time.

(4) Where the local government approves the issue of a licence, the CEO shall issue the licence to the applicant upon receipt by the local government of—

- (a) payment of the annual set fee;
- (b) payment of the secured sum if any, imposed under clause 3.7;
- (c) the documents, if any, executed to the satisfaction of the CEO, under clause 3.7; and
- (d) a copy of the public liability insurance policy required under clause 7.1(1).

## 4.3 Conditions which may be imposed

Without limiting subclause 4.2(1), the local government may impose conditions in respect of the following matters, including but not limited to—

- (a) the orientation of the excavation to reduce visibility from other land;
- (b) the appropriate siting of access thoroughfares, buildings and plant;
- (c) the stockpiling of material;
- (d) the hours during which any excavation work may be carried out;
- (e) the hours during which any processing plant associated with, or located on, the site may be operated;
- (f) requiring all crushing and treatment plant to be enclosed within suitable buildings to minimise the emission of noise, dust, vapour and general nuisance to the satisfaction of the local government;
- (g) the depths below which a person shall not excavate;
- (h) distances from adjoining land or roads within which a person must not excavate;
- (i) the safety of persons employed at or visiting the excavation site;
- (j) the control of dust and wind-blown material;
- (k) the planting, care and maintenance of trees, shrubs and other landscaping features during the time in which the extractive industry is carried out in order to effectively screen the area to be excavated and to provide for progressive rehabilitation;
- (l) the prevention of the spread of dieback or other disease;
- (m) the drainage of the excavation site and the disposal of water;
- (n) the restoration and reinstatement of the excavation site, the staging of such works, and the minimising of the destruction of vegetation;
- (o) the provision of retaining walls to prevent subsidence of any portion of the excavation or of land abutting the excavation;
- (p) requiring the licensee to furnish to the local government a surveyor's certificate each year, prior to the renewal fee being payable, to certify the quantity of material extracted and that material has not been excavated below the final contour levels outlined within the approved excavation program;
- (q) requiring the licensee to enter into an agreement with the local government to pay a contribution in respect of thoroughfares in the district used by heavy or extraordinary traffic conducted by or on behalf of the licensee under the licence, in accordance with subclauses 4.4(2) and (3)—
  - (i) any extraordinary expenses incurred by the local government; and
  - (ii) repair of damage caused;
- (r) requiring the licensee to enter into an agreement with the local government in respect of any condition or conditions imposed under this local law; and
- (s) any other matter for properly regulating the carrying on of an extractive industry.

## 4.4 Transport of materials

- (1) The local government may, from time to time, prescribe by giving written notice to the licensee-
  - (a) determine routes to be taken by the licensee for the transport of materials from the site through the roads within the district, if the proposed routes are not suitable for the proposed haulage;
  - (b) the tonnage limits to be transported along a particular route; and
  - (c) the times during which materials from the site may be transported through the roads within the district.

(2) If a road on a route prescribed under subclause (1) is inadequate for the transport of materials from the site, the local government may require the licensee to pay all or part of the costs or estimated costs, as determined by the local government, of upgrading the road to the standard required by the local government for these purposes.

(3) The licensee must pay to the local government, as and when required by the local government, the costs or estimated costs, as determined by the local government, of repairs and maintenance to any road that are required as a result of the transport of materials from the site.

(4) Each licence is to be taken to be subject to a condition requiring the licensee to comply with this clause.

## 4.5 Renewal of licence

(1) An application to renew a licence is not to be determined by the local government until the applicant has complied with subclause 4.5(2).

(2) An application to renew a licence shall—

- (a) be made in writing;
- (b) state—
  - (i) name of person or company for whom the application is being lodged;
  - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company and in relation to the application;
  - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
  - (iv) postal and street address.
- (c) be accompanied by—
  - (i) the set fee;
  - (ii) by a copy of the current licence;

(iii) a current certificate of currency for public liability policy in accordance with clause 7.1;

- (d) be lodged by the licensee at least 90 days before the date of expiry of the licence;
- (e) include a plan showing the contours of the excavation carried out to the date of that application;
- (f) detail the works, excavation and rehabilitation stages reached and of any changes or proposed changes with respect to any of the things referred to in subclauses 3.2(2)(b) and (c); and
- (g) submit any other things referred to in clauses 3.2 and 4.2.
- (3) The local government may waive any of the requirements specified in clause 4.5(2)(f) or (g).

(4) The applicant shall not be obliged, unless otherwise required by the local government to submit details of any of the things referred to in clauses 3.2 and 4.2 if—

- (a) an application to renew a licence is in relation to land in respect of which the current licence was issued less than 12 months prior to the date from which the new licence if granted would apply; and
- (b) the methods to be employed in the proposed land excavation are identical to those being employed at the date of the application.

(5) Upon receipt of an application for renewal of a licence, the local government may—

- (a) refuse the application; or
- (b) approve the application on such terms and conditions as it sees fit.

(6) Where the local government renews a licence under subclause (5), it shall notify the licensee in writing.

## 4.6 Variation of licence

(1) An application to vary a licence—

- (a) may be made at any time; and
- (b) is not to be determined by the local government until the applicant has complied with clause 4.6(2).
- (2) An application to vary a licence shall—
  - (a) be made in writing;
  - (b) state—
    - (i) name of person or company for whom the application is being lodged;
    - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company and in relation to the application;
    - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
    - (iv) postal and street address;

- (c) be accompanied by-
  - (i) the set fee;
  - (ii) by a copy of the current licence; and
  - (iii) a current certificate of currency for public liability policy in accordance with clause 7.1;
- (d) be lodged by the licensee at least 90 days before the date of expiry of the licence;
- (e) include a plan showing the contours of the excavation carried out to the date of that application;
- (f) detail the works, excavation and rehabilitation stages reached and of any changes or proposed changes with respect to any of the things referred to in clauses 3.2(2)(b) and (c);
- (g) any other things referred to in clauses 3.2 and 4.2;
- (h) include any information that the local government may reasonably require; and
- (i) be signed by the licensee and the owner of the excavation site (if different to the licensee);
- (3) The local government may waive any of the requirements specified in clause 4.6(2)(f) or (g).

(4) The applicant shall not be obliged, unless otherwise required by the local government to submit details of any of the things referred to in clauses 3.2 and 4.2 if—

- (a) an application to vary a licence is in relation to land in respect of which the current licence was issued less than 12 months prior to the date from which the new licence if granted would apply; and
- (b) the methods to be employed in the proposed land excavation are identical to those being employed at the date of the application.
- (5) Upon receipt of an application to vary a licence, the local government may—
  - (a) refuse the application; or
  - (b) approve the application on such terms and conditions as it sees fit.

(6) Where the local government approves a licence variation under subclause (5), it shall notify the licensee and owner of the excavation site in writing.

## 4.7 Transfer of licence

(1) An application to transfer a licence is not to be determined by the local government until the applicant has complied with clause 4.7(2).

- (2) An application to transfer a licence shall—
  - (a) be made in writing;
  - (b) state—
    - (i) name of person or company for whom the application is being lodged;
    - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company and in relation to the application;
    - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
    - (iv) postal and street address;
  - (c) be accompanied by-
    - (i) the set fee;
    - (ii) a copy of the current licence;
    - (iii) a certificate of currency in the name of the proposed transferee for public liability policy in accordance with clause 7.1;
    - (iv) the consent in writing to the transfer from the owner of the excavation site;
  - (d) be lodged by the licensee at least 90 days before the date of proposed transfer of the licence;
  - (e) comply with and satisfy all conditions and requirements of the current licence;
  - (f) provide equivalent security under clause 3.7 as is required by the current licence;
  - (g) include any information that the local government may reasonably require; and
  - (h) be signed by the licensee and the proposed transferee.
- (3) Upon receipt of an application to transfer a licence, the local government may—
  - (a) refuse the application; or
  - (b) approve the application on such terms and conditions as it sees fit.

(4) Where the local government approves the transfer of a licence under subclause (3), it shall notify the licensee and owner of the excavation site in writing.

- (5) Where the local government approves the transfer of a licence it shall not be required to refund any part of the fees and charges paid by the former licensee in respect of the transferred licence.
- (6) Where the local government does not approve the transfer of a licence—
  - (a) the local government may cancel the licence in accordance with clause 4.8; or
  - (b) the licensee may—
    - (i) continue operations in accordance with the licence issued;
    - (ii) give notice of cessation of operations in accordance with clauses 6.1; or
    - (iii) give notice of temporary cessation of operations in accordance with clause 6.3.

### 4.8 Cancellation of licence by the local government

(1) The local government may cancel a licence where the licensee has—

- (a) ceased to substantially carry on the extractive industry for a period in excess of 12 months and not advised the local government of cessation of operations under clause 6.1;
- (b) been convicted of an offence against-
  - (i) this local law; or
  - (ii) any other law relating to carrying on an extractive industry;
- (c) failed to comply with—
  - (i) any of the conditions of an excavation licence;
  - (ii) any provisions of this local law; or
  - (iii) any term of an agreement made with the local government in accordance with this local law and default continues for a period of 14 days from service on the licensee of written notice of default;
- (d) transferred or assigned or attempted to transfer or assign the licence without the consent of the local government;
- (e) permitted another person to carry on an extractive industry otherwise than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence and of the provisions of this local law;
- (f) failed to pay the annual licence fee under clause 7.3;
- (g) failed to have a current public liability insurance policy under clause 7.1(1); or
- (h) failed to provide a copy of the policy or evidence of its renewal as the case may be, under clause 7.1(2).

(2) Where the local government cancels a licence under this clause—

- (a) the cancellation takes effect on and from the day on which the licensee is served with the notice; and
- (b) the local government shall advise the licensee and owner of the excavation site in writing.

(3) Where a local government cancels a licence under subclause (1), the local government shall not be required to refund any part of the fees and charges paid by the licensee in respect of the cancelled licence.

## PART 5-LIMITATIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND PROHIBITIONS ON LICENSEE

### 5.1 Obligations of the licensee

A licensee shall-

- (a) where the local government so requires, securely fence the excavation to a standard determined by the local government and keep the gateways locked when not actually in use in order to prevent unauthorised entry;
- (b) erect and maintain warning signs along each of the boundaries of the area excavated under the licence so that each sign—
  - (i) is not more than 200 metres apart;
  - (ii) is not less than 300 mm high and not less than 450 mm wide;
  - (iii) the top of the sign is between 1.2 metres and 1.8 metres above ground level; and
  - (iv) bears the words "DANGER EXCAVATIONS—KEEP OUT";
- (c) except where the local government approves otherwise, drain and keep drained to the local government's satisfaction any excavation to which the licence applies so as to prevent the accumulation of water;
- (d) restore and reinstate the excavation site in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence, the site plans and the works and excavation program approved by the local government;
- (e) take all reasonable steps to prevent the emission of dust, noise, vibration and other forms of nuisance from the excavation site; and
- (f) comply with the conditions imposed by the local government in accordance with clause 4.3.

#### 5.2 Limits on excavation near boundary

Subject to any licence conditions imposed by the local government, a person shall not, without the written approval of the local government, excavate within—

- (a) 500 metres of any residence unless with the consent of the adjoining neighbours;
- (b) 50 metres of any bore, watercourse, wetland, swamp or other water reserve;
- (c) 50 metres of any thoroughfare;
- (d) 20 metres of the boundary of any land on which the excavation site is located;
- (e) 20 metres of any land affected by a registered grant of easement; or
- (f) 2 metres of the estimated maximum groundwater level as determined from time to time by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation or otherwise as adopted by the local government.

#### **5.3 Prohibitions**

A licensee shall not-

- (a) remove any trees or shrubs within 40 metres of the boundary of any thoroughfare on land in respect of which a licence has been granted without written permission from the local government and if required, the Department of Environmental Regulation, except for the purpose of constructing access thoroughfares, erecting buildings or installing plant for use in connection with the excavation and then only with the express approval of the local government and subject to any conditions which the local government may impose in accordance with clause 4.3;
- (b) store, or permit to be stored, except in the case of approved rock quarry sites, any explosives or explosive devices on the site to which the licence applies other than with the approval of the local government and the Department of Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety; or
- (c) fill or excavate, other than in accordance with the terms and conditions of the licence, the site plans and the works and excavation program approved by the local government.

## 5.4 Blasting

(1) A person shall not carry out or permit to be carried out any blasting in the course of excavating unless—

- (a) the local government has otherwise given approval in respect of blasting generally or in the case of each blast;
- (b) subject to subclause (2), the blasting takes place only between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm, or as determined by the local government, on Mondays to Fridays inclusive;
- (c) the blasting is carried out in strict accordance with the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994*, the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, and all relevant local laws of the local government; and
- (d) in compliance with any other conditions imposed by the local government concerning-
  - (i) the time and duration of blasting;
  - (ii) the purposes for which the blasting may be used; and
  - (iii) such other matters as the local government may reasonably require in the interests of the safety and protection of members of the public and of property within the district.

(2) A person shall not carry out or permit to be carried out any blasting on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday except with the prior approval of the local government.

### PART 6—CESSATION OF OPERATIONS

## 6.1 Notice of cessation of operations by licensee

- (1) A notice of cessation shall-
  - (a) be made in writing;
  - (b) state—
    - (i) name of person or company for whom the application is being lodged;
    - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company and in relation to the application;
    - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
    - (iv) postal and street address;
  - (c) be accompanied by-
    - (i) by a copy of the current licence; and
    - (ii) a current certificate of currency for public liability policy in accordance with clause 7.1;
  - (d) advise if the cessation is to be-
    - (i) temporary and the expected duration or circumstances for re-commencement; or
    - (ii) permanent,
  - (e) detail arrangements for meeting any ongoing liabilities or environmental obligations—
    - (i) name of person or company to whom matters are to be referred;
    - (ii) name of primary contact person for the company;
    - (iii) telephone, mobile phone and email contact details; and
    - (iv) postal and street address;
  - (f) be lodged by the licensee as soon as cessation of operations has been determined by the licensee and not more than 7 days after the operations have ceased in any event;
  - (g) include a plan showing the contours of the excavation carried out to the date of that application;
  - (h) detail the works, excavation and rehabilitation stages reached and of any changes or proposed changes with respect to any of the things referred to in clauses 3.2(2)(b) and (c);
  - (i) any other things referred to in clauses 3.2 and 4.2.
  - (j) include any information that the local government may reasonably require; and
  - (k) be signed by the licensee.

(2) Upon notice of cessation of operations, the local government shall-

- (a) acknowledge the notice of cessation of operations; and
- (b) confirm the acceptability or otherwise of the arrangements for the cessation of operations.

## 6.2 Cessation of operations—permanent

(1) Where a licensee has given written notice to the local government of the intention to permanently cease carrying on an extractive industry on the site to which the licence applies, the licence is deemed to have expired on the date such cessation is so notified.

(2) The permanent cessation of the carrying on of an extractive industry on a site or the deemed expiration or cancellation of a licence does not entitle the licensee to any refund of any licence fee.

#### 6.3 Cessation of operation—temporary

(1) Where a licensee has given written notice of temporary cessation of operations, then on or before the annual licence date each year, the licensee shall—

- (a) confirm to the local government the matters in subclauses 6.1(1)(d) and (e); and
- (b) provide a copy of the current public liability certificate required under clause 7.1.

(2) For the duration of the cessation—

7.1 Public liability

- (a) contributions or payments agreed under subclauses 4.3(q) or (r) are suspended until such time as operations are resumed, but all other conditions and obligations remain in place; and
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- (b) the annual licence fee under clause 7.3 is suspended.

(3) The licence granted under clause 4.2 shall remain valid for the term of the licence and shall not be extended by the duration of cessation of operations.

(4) The temporary cessation of the carrying on of an extractive industry on a site or the deemed expiration or cancellation of a licence does not entitle the licensee to any refund of any licence fee.

#### 6.4 Works to be carried out on cessation of operations

Where the carrying on of an extractive industry on the site permanently ceases or on the expiration or cancellation of the licence applicable to the site, whichever first occurs, the licensee shall, as well as complying with the provisions of clause 6.1—

- (a) restore and reinstate the excavated site in accordance with the proposals approved by the local government or in such other manner as the local government may subsequently agree in writing with the licensee;
- (b) ensure that any face permitted to remain upon the excavation site is left safe with all loose materials removed and where the excavation site is—
  - (i) sand, the sides are sloped to a batter of not more than 1:3 (vertical : horizontal); and
  - (ii) limestone or material other than sand, the sides are sloped to a batter which, in the opinion of the local government, would enable the site to be left in a stable condition;
- (c) ensure that the agreed floor level of the excavation is graded to an even surface or is otherwise in accordance with the rehabilitation and decommissioning program approved by the local government;
- (d) ensure that all stockpiles or dumps of stone, sand or other materials are left so that no portion of that material can escape onto land not owned or occupied by the licensee nor into any stream, watercourse or drain that is not wholly situated within the land owned or occupied by the licensee;
- (e) erect retaining walls where necessary to prevent subsidence of land in the vicinity of any excavation;
- (f) remove from the site all buildings, plant and equipment erected, installed or used for or in relation to the carrying on of an extractive industry on the site and fill all holes remaining after such removal to the level of the surrounding ground and compact such filled holes sufficiently to prevent settling; and
- (g) break up, scarify, cover with topsoil and plant with grass, trees and shrubs all parts of the site where buildings, plant and equipment were erected or installed and all areas which were used for stockpiling unless otherwise specified under this local law.

## PART 7—MISCELLANEOUS

(1) A licensee shall have at all times a current public liability insurance policy naming the local government and indemnifying the licensee and the local government for a sum of not less than \$10,000,000 in respect of any one claim relating to any of the excavation operations.

(2) The licensee shall provide to the local government a copy of the policy taken out under subclause (1), within 14 days after the issue of that policy and shall provide to the local government evidence of renewal within 14 days of each renewal date.

#### 7.2 Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994 and Environmental Protection Act 1986

(1) In any case where the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* or the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* applies to any excavation carried on or proposed to be carried on at a site, the licensee in respect of that site shall provide to the local government within 14 days full particulars of any inspection or report made under that Act or those Acts.

(2) In this clause, the *Mines Safety and Inspection Act 1994* and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* include all subsidiary legislation made under those Acts.

#### 7.3 Annual licence fee

On or before 30 June in each year, a licensee must pay to the local government the set fee for the annual licence.

## 7.4 Use of secured sum by the local government

(1) If a licensee fails to pay any fees and charges or carry out or complete the restoration and reinstatement works required by the licence conditions either—

- (a) within the time specified in those conditions; or
- (b) where no such time has been specified, within 60 days of the completion of the excavation or portion of the excavation specified in the licence conditions, then; subject to the local government giving the licensee 14 days' notice of its intention to do so—
  - (i) the local government may carry out or cause to be carried out the required work or so much of that work as remains undone; and
  - (ii) the licensee shall pay to the local government on demand all costs incurred by the local government or which the local government may be required to pay under this clause.

(2) The local government may apply the proceeds of any bond, bank guarantee or other security provided by the licensee under clause 3.7 towards its costs under this clause.

(3) The liability of a licensee to pay the local government's costs or any outstanding fees and charges under this clause is not limited to the amount, if any, secured under clause 3.7.

(4) For avoidance of doubt, the local government's powers under this clause are in addition to its other enforcement powers under this local law.

## PART 8-NOTICES

#### 8.1 Notice to remedy non-compliance

Where anything is required to be done or not permitted to be done by this local law, an authorised person may give the licensee a notice in writing requiring the licensee to comply with the requirements of this local law.

#### 8.2 Notice requirements

A notice given must—

- (a) be in writing;
- (b) specify the reason for giving the notice, the work or action that is required to be undertaken; and
- (c) the time within which the work or action is to be undertaken.

## 8.3 Local government may undertake requirements of notice

If a person fails to comply with a notice referred to in clause 8.1, the local government may-

- (a) do the thing specified in the notice;
- (a) take whatever remedial action it considers appropriate and which would have been if the breach or failure had not occurred; and
- (b) recover all costs from the licensee, as a debt.

### 8.4 Offence to fail to comply with notice

A person who fails to comply with a notice given under this local law commits an offence.

#### PART 9-OBJECTIONS AND REVIEW

## 9.1 Objection and review rights

The provisions of Division 1 of Part 9 of the Act and regulation 33 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996* shall apply when the local government makes a decision as to whether it will—

- (a) grant a person a licence under this local law; or
- (b) renew, vary, or cancel a licence that a person has under this local law.

## PART 10-OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

## **10.1 Offences**

A person who fails to do anything required or directed to be done under this local law, or who does anything which under this local law that person is prohibited from doing, commits an offence.

## **10.2 General penalty**

A person who commits an offence under this local law is liable, on conviction, to a penalty not exceeding \$5,000 and if the offence is of a continuing nature, to an additional penalty not exceeding \$500 for each day or part of the day during which the offence has continued.

#### **10.3 Modified penalties**

(1) An offence against a clause specified in the Schedule is a prescribed offence for the purposes of section 9.16(1) of the Act.

(2) The amount of the modified penalty for a prescribed offence is that specified adjacent to the clause in the Schedule.

## 10.4 Forms

For the purposes of this local law—

- (a) the form of the infringement notice given under section 9.16 of the Act is that of Form 2 in Schedule 1 of the Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996; and
- (b) the form of the notice sent under section 9.20 of the Act withdrawing an infringement notice is that of Form 3 in Schedule 1 of the *Local Government (Functions and General) Regulations 1996.*

Item	Clause	Nature of offence	Modified penalty \$
1	2.1(a)	Excavate without a licence	500
2	2.1(b)	Carry on an extractive industry not in accordance with conditions of licence	500
3	4.4(1)	Failure to comply with notice regarding transport of materials.	500
4	5.1(a)	Failure to securely fence or keep gateways locked	500
5	5.1(b)	Failure to comply with boundary signage requirements	500
6	5.1(c)	Failure to provide adequate drainage	500
7	5.1(d)	Failure to restore and reinstate site in accordance with approved plan	500
8	5.1(e)	Failure to control dust, noise, vibration and other nuisances	500
9	5.1(f)	Failure to comply with conditions of licence	500
10	5.2(a)	Excavate within 500 metres of a residence without approval	500
11	5.2(b)	Excavate within 50 metres of a bore, watercourse, wetland swamp or other water reserve without approval	500
12	5.2(c)	Excavate within 50 metres of a thoroughfare without approval	500
13	5.2(d)	Excavate within 20 metres of the boundary of any land on which the excavation is situated without approval	500
14	5.2(e)	Excavate within 20 metres of land affected by a registered grant of easement without approval	500
15	5.2(f)	Excavate within 2 metres of estimated maximum groundwater level without approval	500
16	5.3(a)	Removal of trees or shrubs within 40 metres of any boundary with a thoroughfare reserve without approval	500
17	5.3(b)	Store or permit to be stored explosives or explosive devices without approval	500
18	5.3(c)	Fill or excavate other than in accordance with the conditions of licence	500
19	5.4(1)(a)	Carry out or permit to be carried out blasting without approval	500
20	5.4(1)(b)	Carry out or permit to be carried out blasting outside the hours approval be the local authority	500
21	5.4(1)(d)	Failure to comply with conditions relating to blasting imposed by the local government	500
22	5.4(2)	Carry out or permit to be carried out blasting on a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday without approval	500
23	6.1(1)	Failure to provide notice of cessation of operations	500
24	6.3(1)	Failure to provide annual confirmation of details during period of temporary cessation of operations	500
25	6.4	Failure to undertake restoration and reinstatement as required on cessation of operations	500
26	8.4	Failure to comply with requirements of notice	500
27	10.1	Other offences not specified	500

## SCHEDULE—PRESCRIBED OFFENCES

[clause.10.3]

Dated: 24 August 2017.

The Common Seal of the Shire of Narrogin was affixed by authority of a resolution of Council in the presence of—