

## **TENTERFIELD SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

#### **HEADING:**

**Maintenance of Nature Strips and Road Verges**

#### **MEETING ADOPTED AND RESOLUTION NO.:**

**23 August 2017  
168/17**

#### **HISTORY OF DOCUMENT PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED:**

<b>27 July 2000</b>	<b>645/00</b>
<b>22 August 2012</b>	<b>300/12</b>
<b>23 August 2015</b>	<b>303/15</b>

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#### **Introduction:**

Each year, Council receives requests from owners and residents of land within urban and rural areas of the Shire about the following:

- For Council to cut the grass on the nature strips or road verge in front of their property either on a "one off" or permanent basis.
- To obtain approval to burn off or slash sections of the Road Reserve adjacent to their property.
- To obtain approval to remove trees adjacent to fence lines to enable renewal of existing fences or to improve sight distance at access points.
- For Council to control Noxious Weeds within the Road Reserve.

#### **Policy:**

- 1) It is the accepted practice in Tenterfield Shire Council for owners and residents of land in urban and rural areas to maintain the strip of land between their boundary fence and the road to protect and enhance their investment. Such maintenance includes, but is not limited to mowing, edging and weeding.
- 2) The Director of Engineering Services be authorised to arrange for slashing or burning, (following consultation with the FCO or Brigade Captain as appropriate) by Council staff of these areas when they are situated in front of vacant or long term unoccupied land and present a safety or fire hazard, vermin harbour, or if it is in the public interest. Following slashing, Council does not remove the grass cuttings.
- 3) The Director of Engineering Services be authorised to issue permits under Section 138 of the Roads Act 1993, to carry out activities within the Road Reserve which may include burning off or tree clearing adjacent to boundary fences or to improve sight distance at vehicular access crossings.
- 4) Council will maintain the unsealed area between the edge of seal and kerb and gutter where the area forms part of the road carriageway.

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**Review Date:**  
August 2020

**Responsible Officer:**  
Chief Operating Officer

- 5) Council will control noxious weeds within the Road Reserve at Council's cost in accordance with annual budget constraints and Council's Noxious Weeds Policy Statement No. 3.140.

Legislation:

The following legislation and planning instruments contain provisions relating to the Maintenance of Nature Strips and Road Verges

- Roads Act 1993 – Sections 138 and 139
- Crown Lands Act 1989
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979
- Local Government Act 1993