

22.17 PEST PLANT AND ANIMAL MANAGEMENT

This policy applies to the control, management and prevention of the spread of pest plants and animals throughout the Shire.

Policy Basis

Agriculture is an essential component of the Shire's local economy. As part of the protective measure to ensure the growth of this industry, a number of policies have been established. In addition to the protection of industry, the Shire will focus on the protection and revitalisation of the natural resource base, including the land. Part of this initiative will include the management and control of pest plants and animals on both productive and non-productive agricultural land.

Objectives

- To contain and limit the spread of pest plants, animals and feral orchards.

Policy

It is policy that Council should take into account the management of pest plants and animals on land throughout the Shire and where appropriate, include relevant conditions on planning permit to require the removal of :-

- pest plants,
- feral orchards and
- eradication of pest animals prior to the commencement of a use or development.