



TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

COLLECTION OF FIREWOOD FROM ROAD RESERVES POLICY

1. PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The Tatiara District Council ("the Council") supports the collection of firewood from Council roadsides by members of its Community for domestic use with minimal risk to Council and the Community by regulating firewood collection.

This Policy is in line with Council's Roadside Vegetation Management Plan which requires Council to control the removal of plant material from its road reserves.

2. SCOPE

This policy specifically deals with the collection of firewood from Council roadsides in an endeavour to maintain environmental values and sustainability of road reserves.

This Policy does not apply to Commons, Stone or Water Reserves, Parklands or Conservation Parks and private land holdings.

3. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this policy:

- Council - is the Tatiara District Council
- Firewood – is dead fallen timber to be used as fuel.
- Roadside – strip of land between road formation and boundary of the road reserve
- Roadside Vegetation – any vegetation growing on road reserves.
- DEWNR – Department of Environment, Water and Natural Resources

4. DETAILS

Residents and ratepayers of the Tatiara District Council may apply to the Council for a permit to collect firewood from certain Council roadsides, by completion of a permit authorisation (refer Attachment A). Once issued, a permit will be valid for a period of one (1) month and is subject to the following conditions:

- The permit does not provide for cutting down and/or removal of any standing tree or limb irrespective of whether it is living or dead. No hollow logs are permitted to be cut, removed, or tampered with in any way.
- Permits will not be issued during the fire danger season. Additionally, collection or cutting of fallen timber will not be permitted during any period which has been declared a Total Fire Ban.
- Council does not accept responsibility for any actions or claims resulting from this permit.
- Firewood collection is for personal use only and is not to be sold for a monetary gain.
- Firewood collected is only allowed on approved Council road reserves (refer Appendix B for a list of Council Roads, Appendix C for a list of Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Roads where wood collection is not

permitted). Map indicating the Roads where collection is not permitted is included in Appendix D.

- A permit is only valid upon payment of the permit fee which will be set out by Council in the Fees and Charges to be reviewed by Council annually.

5. RESPONSIBILITIES

Pursuant to section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999, the Council hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the power to assess and decide on applications made under this policy. The CEO has sub-delegated these powers and functions to the Director Infrastructure & Operations and Director Development and Environmental Inspectorial Services.

6. LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1999, Section 221:

- 1) A person (other than the council or a person acting under some other statutory authority) must not make an alteration to a public road unless authorised to do so by the council.
- 2) A person makes an alteration to a public road if the person: (e) plants a tree or other vegetation on the road, interferes with vegetation on the road, or removes vegetation from the road.

Road Traffic Act 1961.

7. REVIEW

It is the responsibility of the Director of Infrastructure & Operations and Director of Development & Environmental Services to monitor the adequacy of this policy and recommend appropriate changes. This Collection of Firewood Policy shall be reviewed by the Tatiara District Council at minimum every four (4) years, within 12 months of a general election (or on significant change to legislation or other matters which could affect this policy)

RECORD OF AMENDMENTS

Date	Revision No	Reason For Amendment
August 2016	Rev: 00	Draft Document prepared
9 August 2016	Rev: 01	Policy adopted by Council
7 September 2020	Rev: 02	Policy reviewed with minor amendments

APPENDIX "A"

Permit to Collect Fallen Timber from Roadsides

Applicant Name: **Telephone:**.....

Postal Address:

I agree, and will abide by the conditions of the policy

Sign:

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Local Government Act 1999, approval is granted to take dead fallen timber from the roadside on those roads within the Tatiara District Council that are not excluded under the Council's Collection of Firewood from Road Reserves Policy (a copy of which is available on Council's website or by request).

The issuing of this permit is subject to the following conditions:-

1. The permit is valid from one (1) month from the date of issue (**expiring on..../...../.....**)
2. The permit does not under any circumstances allow for the cutting down or removal of any standing tree or limb irrespective of whether it is living or dead. No hollow logs are permitted to be cut, removed, or tampered with in any way.
3. Avoid any damage to any other native vegetation as well as to property belonging to adjoining landowners e.g. fences.
4. Any remaining branches and foliage are to be left in a neat and tidy manner.
5. Permit holders are not permitted to enter any fenced area or private property to collect fallen timber.
6. Collection or cutting of fallen timber will not be permitted during the fire danger season or during any period which has been declared a Total Fire Ban.
7. Firewood collection is for personal use only and is not to be sold or given to any other persons.
8. Timber must be stacked safely and securely on vehicles and/or trailers so that nothing falls off on the journey home.
9. Payment of the permit fee of **five dollars (\$5)** per permit or as set out by Council in its annual Fees and Charges.
10. Permit holders agree to indemnify and keep indemnified the Tatiara District Council, its servants and agents and each of them from and against all actions, costs, claims, damages charges and expenses whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them or any of them arising out of or in relation to the issuing of this permit.
11. Permit holders must keep a copy of this permit in their possession at all times whilst they are in the process of collecting and/or removing any fallen timber from the roadside, and must produce it on demand.
12. When parked on a roadside for the purpose of collecting and/or removing any fallen timber from the roadside, permit holders will comply at all times with the Road Traffic Act 1961.
13. This approval does not apply to Commons, Stone or Water Reserves, Parklands and Conservation Parks.

Signed for on and behalf of Tatiara District Council

Name:

Position:

Signature:

OFFICE USE ONLY
RECEIPT #:

APPENDIX "B"

Council Roads where Wood Collection is NOT PERMITTED

Road Name	Road Category	Length (km)
Bangham to Francis (sic) / Bangham Road	B	33.08
Broadview	B	4.59
Browns	B	0.89
Bunbury	B	5.01
Cadell	B	18.17
Cannawigara	A	0.30
Cannawigara	B	3.31
Carew	B	14.71
Carousel	B	6.00
Dark Island Well	B	13.99
Emu Flat	B	28.58
Gap	A	2.50
Gap	B	26.62
Grubbed	B	2.29
Hundred of Makin	B	8.02
Jip Jip	B	1.31
Kilmorey	B	1.41
Kochs	B	0.61
Learmouths/Danbys (sic) / Danbys Road	A	1.03
Learmouths/Danbys (sic) / Danbys Road	B	4.40
Lockharts (sic) / Lockhart Rd	B	1.02
Milnes (sic) / Milne Rod	B	2.00
Mount Monster	B	4.62
My Mi Mi	A	2.48
My Mi Mi	B	18.80
Petherick	B	6.22
Pine Hill East (sic) / Langley Rod	B	0.20
Pine Hill North (sic) / Pine Hill Rd	B	16.54
Playfairs (sic) / Playfair Rd	B	9.78
Range	B	2.03
Red Bluff	B	4.45

APPENDIX "C"

Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure Roads where Wood Collection is NOT PERMITTED

Dukes Highway	A	5.63
Dukes Highway	B	20.73
Dukes Highway	B	5.93
Bordertown – Frances (sic) / Frances Road	A	1.28
Bordertown – Frances (sic) / Frances Road	B	22.93
Bordertown to Desert Camp (sic) / Rowney Road	B	9.00
Bordertown to Hynam (sic) / Frances Road	B	5.15
Bordertown to Naracoorte (sic) / Naracoorte Road	B	16.55
Desert Camp-Kingston (sic) / Rowney Road	B	11.51
Hynam – Frances (sic) / Frances Road	B	0.27
Keith - Desert Camp (sic) / Riddoch Highway	A	0.88
Keith - Desert Camp (sic) / Riddoch Highway	B	29.06
Keith – Padthaway (sic) / Riddoch Highway	B	11.03
Pinaroo – Bordertown / (now Ngarkat Highway)	B	40.69
Pinnaroo – Bordertown (sic) / Ngarkat Hwy	B	32.95

APPENDIX "D"

Map of Roadside Vegetation Classifications

