

# Richmond Shire 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 fires<sup>1</sup>—
- (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;
  - (c) a fire lit at a sawmill for the purpose of burning sawdust or other residue resulting from the operation of a sawmill;
  - (d) a fire lit out-doors, if enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material there from.
- (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 so constructed as to prevent the escape of cinders or ash;
- (b) a substantial accumulation of grass clippings that is liable to spontaneous combustion;

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<sup>1</sup> 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 confirms with any local law. Local laws can therefore regulate these types of fire, which is the purpose of this subordinate local law.

- (c) dry vegetation that could be easily ignited or other flammable materials

## **Part 5 Community safety hazards**

### **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—

- (d) Barbed Wire Fencing
- (e) Electric Fencing
- (f) Roof sheeting, guttering and sheet metal

### **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 Noise standards**

### **11 Prescribed noise standards—Authorising local law, s 21(2)**

- (1) For section 21(2) of the authorising local law, the noise standard in column 2 of schedule 5 is prescribed for the section of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, chapter 8, part 3B, division 3 stated in column 1 of schedule 5.
- (2) For section 21(2) of the authorising local law, the noise standard in column 2 of schedule 5 applies in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 3 of schedule 5.

## **Part 7 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**

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

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### Schedule 3 Prohibited fires

	<b>Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area</b>	<b>Column 2 Prohibited fire</b>
1	Entire Local Government area	(1) 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 (2) Any fire on private property OR (3) Any fire on private property having an area less than 4,500 square metres, unless it is enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material there from
2	Local government controlled areas	A fire that is not in a fireplace, barbeque or incinerator constructed by the Local Government

## Schedule 4 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards

	<b>Column 1 Community safety hazard</b>	<b>Column 2 Prescribed requirements to be met by owner of land</b>
1	Barbed wire fencing	<p>An owner of land containing the barbed wire fencing must ensure that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(g) fencing not to be installed along a boundary adjoining a public park</li> <li>(h) 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</li> </ul>
2	Electric fencing	<p>An owner of land containing electric fencing must ensure that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 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</li> <li>(b) 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</li> <li>(c) fencing must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3014:2003</li> <li>(d) fencing for security must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 016:2002.</li> </ul>
3	Roof sheeting, guttering, sheet metal	<p>An owner of land must ensure that - any materials not fixed to a structure are to be weighted down or tied down to prevent</p>



	<b>Column 1</b> <b>Community safety hazard</b>	<b>Column 2</b> <b>Prescribed requirements to be met by owner of land</b>
		them from becoming airborne during high winds.

## **Schedule 5 Prescribed noise standards**

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### **Drafting certificate**

This is to certify that, in my opinion, the proposed *Richmond Shire Council Subordinate Local Law No. 3 – (Community and Environmental Management) 2012*, has been drafted in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

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Chief Executive Officer