



Policy 5.2.5 – Grazing rights

1. Introduction

On occasions requests are received to utilise Council Reserves for the purposes of grazing. The benefit to Council of having grazing being undertaken on selected Council Reserves is the reduction in fire hazard at certain times of the year.

2. Policy objective

The policy sets out the circumstances where Council Reserves can be used for grazing of stock.



3. Policy

Council may consider the granting of approval to lease appropriate Reserves it may have vested in its care and control for the purpose of grazing to reduce any fire hazard that may be on that Reserve. Leasing of such Reserves is subject to the following conditions:

- All livestock, excluding horses, to be permitted to graze on the land;
- The Lessee to maintain and keep in good repair and order all boundary and internal gates and fences;
- Electric fences may be erected on the property, subject to Council approval and the erection of appropriate warning signs by the Lessee;
- The Lessee to control and maintain all pest weeds on the property;
- No overstocking should occur at any time throughout the period of the lease;
- The Lessee providing Council with a written indemnification against the liability of any loss of stock, damage to any item, or injury to any person, that may occur as a result of grazing;
- Council having the right to review any lease entered into by it at any time during the lease;
- Where Reserves are substantial pastured areas, the Lessee may be required to apply an appropriate regime of agriculture fertiliser;
- The respective Government Minister's approval being obtained where required, and
- No land under the control of Council will be made available to any person or organisation for grazing purposes, for a period in excess of 12 months, unless a formal lease agreement is prepared.

4. Strategic objective

The policy aligns to the following strategic objective:

	We have a balanced respect for our natural assets and built environment, retaining our lifestyle values and community spirit.
	Strong civic leadership representing the whole of the Shire which engages in effective partnerships and reflects the aspirations of an engaged community.

5. Definitions

- Normal text

6. Legislation

- Normal text.

7. Related documents

- Delegated Authority 2.1.9.
- Former Council Policy Number 14.7.

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