

Guidelines for camping on vacant private allotments

Council receives a number of complaints from residents regarding people camping on private land, particularly in high fire risk coastal areas where swift evacuation is hampered by the limited road network.

Vacant land owners and visitors are reminded that camping on vacant private land is generally prohibited unless a number of conditions are able to be met. These conditions include:

- A maximum of one tent or one caravan is permitted on private vacant land at any time.
- Any caravan must be fitted with a smoke detector, an approved portable fire extinguisher and a fire blanket close to cooking facilities.
- Any tent or caravan must be in good working order and in a good state of repair.
- Water must be supplied to the site and be fit for human consumption as well as adequate for domestic use.
- An adequate number of toilets must be provided onsite, and may be chemical, composting, septic or sewerred.
- All sewage and wastewater generated onsite must be discharged to a system capable of collecting, removing and/or disposing of all sewage and wastewater, to the satisfaction of the Council. This does not apply to sink waste where sink waste is the only form of effluent, providing it does not cause a nuisance.
- A vermin-proof rubbish bin with a tight fitting lid must be provided onsite for the disposal of all rubbish.
- The site must be kept in a clean and sanitary manner at all times.
- Any tent or caravan must be located at least three metres from any property boundary.

We would also like to remind people that fires are not permitted *in the open air* during any declared fire danger period. Further information is available from Council's Local Laws team on 5662 9200 during business hours.

Residents or visitors who wish to report a breach of the Local Laws can also contact the Local Laws team on the above number.

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