

Guidelines for Camping on Vacant Private Allotments.

Council receives multiple 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 met:

- A maximum of one tent or caravan is permitted on private vacant land at any one 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 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 meters from any property boundary.

During the period 1 November to 1 May each year or school holiday periods, a person may camp or place a tent or caravan on private vacant land without a permit subject to the requirements set out above.

Council would also like to remind people that fires are not permitted in the open air during any declared fire danger period. For more information or to report a breach of Council's Local Laws please contact 5662 9200 during business hours.

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