



## COUNCIL POLICY

**Title:** Exploration Drilling on Shire Roads and Reserves

Shire of  
**Kellerberrin**

**Responsible Officer:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Version:** Current

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that conditions are in place to carry out exploration drilling on Shire Roads and Reserves.

### 2. SCOPE

This policy is applied to the Shire of Kellerberrin and its elected members and employees.

### 3. DEFINITIONS

### 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

This policy links to key goal area....

### 5. POLICY STATEMENT

The applicant is required to indemnify the Council at all times against liability arising from the work.

The applicant shall provide Council with a plan showing the site number and location of proposed drill holes with the completed application form.

Application fees to be paid for a licence by applicants for exploration or investigation for minerals, water and other purposes in the road reserve shall be as follows; per drill hole or seismic hole.

1 to 5 holes (inclusive)	Licence Fee of \$100
6 to 10 holes (inclusive)	Licence Fee of \$200
11 to 30 holes (inclusive)	Licence Fee of \$300
31 to 100 holes (inclusive)	Licence Fee of \$500
101 holes and over	Licence Fee of \$500

Where an applicant is a company actively mining or drilling in the district and hold a mineral lease, which attracts Council rates, a discount of 20%, will apply to the licence fee payable.

A refundable deposit, being the same amount as the licence fee, is payable. No discount will apply to the deposit. The fee shall be payable for each discrete program applied for. The bonds shall be refunded, subject to an inspection and acceptance by Council of the site conditions following the investigation.

The applicant is required to meet the cost of any damage to any Council or private property.

All holes, trenches and other excavations are to be backfilled with dry soils and compacted in such a way as to prevent future subsidence. All excess soil is to be removed where requested. Capping uncased holes is not permitted.

Excavation and bores are to be located a minimum distance of 2m from any bitumen road.

Where plant is working such that a hazard exists, signs and lights are to be used in accordance with the Road Traffic Act.

The applicant is to be covered by a public risk policy (minimum \$5 million) and appropriate workers compensation and general policies, as the Council will not be liable for any costs arising from the operation.

The applicant is responsible for ascertaining the position of all public services including underground services and avoiding damage to them.

Polluted discharges occurring from the work site are to be trapped and only clean waters will be accepted to the public drainage system.

Large volume discharges are to be dispensed slowly to avoid erosion and scours to land and drain surfaces.

The applicant is required to inform the Chief Executive Officer of significant materials encountered e.g. Laterite gravels, limestone, granites, water etc.

Three (3) days notice is to be given prior to commencement and the applicant is to provide a timed schedule of works.

The drilling company shall provide a suitable plan/map showing the location of the holes to be drilled prior to the issue of the letter of approval.

## **6. RELATED LEGISLATION/ DOCUMENTATION**

## **7. REVIEW DETAILS**

Council Adoption	Date	February 2020	Resolution #	MIN009/20
Previous Adoption	Date	October 2016	Resolution #	MIN168/16