



## COUNCIL POLICY

**Title:** Roadside Burning for Fire Protection

Shire of  
**Kellerberrin**

**Responsible Officer:** Deputy Chief Executive Officer

**Version:** Current

### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure adequate guidelines are in place for restrictions in roadside burning and to ensure that road verges and vegetation thereon is retained.

### 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 core drivers:

1. Relationships that bring us tangible benefits (to the Shire and our community)
2. Our lifestyle and strong sense of community
3. We are prepared for opportunities and we are innovative to ensure our relevancy and destiny

### 5. POLICY STATEMENT

No roadside burning is allowed within the Shire for the purposes of fire protection. Any landholder wishing to utilise road reserves for fire protection may apply to Council for permission to use chemical sprays. Council will assess each application upon consideration of:

- Vegetation in the affected area/chemicals to be used
- Tree planting, revegetation undertaken by Council
- Previous burns in the area/cater courses in area
- Roadside vegetation

Landowners must recognise Council's intent to maintain road verges "fire free". When damage occurs to verge vegetation because of a fire escaping from private property, Council assess a claim for damages/reinstatement on following grounds;

- Vegetation in the affected area
- tree planting
- revegetation undertaken by Council
- cost of reinstatement
- whether valid permit in place (if required) and that conditions on permit complied with.

**6. RELATED LEGISLATION/ DOCUMENTATION**

**7. REVIEW DETAILS**

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