Shire of Jerramungup

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It is Council policy that:

1. Under normal circumstances (i.e. proximity to or distance from problem), Council owned plant may be made available at times of bush fire emergency.

2. Requests for use of that plant shall only be considered by way of request from a duly appointed Bush Fire Control Officer or Bush Fire Brigade Officer to the Chief Executive Officer, Deputy Chief Executive Officer or Works Manager, having regard for the location of what may be deemed to be necessary or suitable plant.

3. Where a fire is purposely lit on private property by a landowner/occupier, with a permit to burn or otherwise, and:

    a. It is clearly established that the landowner/occupier of the land has not lit or managed the fire in accordance with the Bush Fires Act; and

    b. A bush fire control officer is of the opinion it is out of control on the land; and

    c. Council equipment and resources have been requested by a bush fire control officer to assist in the suppression of the fire that has escaped control;

    The landowner/occupier shall be charged applicable hire rates for the use of Council equipment and resources in accordance with Section 18 (11) of the Bush Fires Act 1954.

4. Where a fire is started by means outside the control of a landowner/occupier, such as a lightning strike or machinery failure, then Council shall, at the request of a bush fire control officer, provide equipment and resources, in accordance with clause (1) and (2) of this Policy, at no cost to the landowner/occupier.

5. When Council owned equipment is used for the suppression of fires on Vacant Crown Land Council's policy will be to invoice FESA for costs incurred.