
LPP019 – Local Planning Policy 19 – Micro Camping

1. Citation

This is a Local Planning Policy prepared under Schedule 2 of the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* (the Regulations). This Policy may be cited as Local Planning Policy 19 Micro-camping.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to guide the appropriate location, scale, design, and management of micro camping within the Shire of Waroona, ensuring such activities are low impact, compatible with surrounding land uses, and consistent with community expectations and statutory requirements.

3. Objectives

- To ensure micro camping is located and managed to prevent adverse impacts upon the amenity of surrounding areas by way of noise, traffic and visual quality.
- To provide clarity and consistency in the assessment of development applications for micro camping.
- To encourage sustainable, low-impact visitor accommodation that aligns with the Shire's environmental, social and cultural values.
- To support small-scale tourism initiatives that contribute to the local economy without compromising environmental or residential amenity.
- Ensure micro camping developments incorporate appropriate bushfire risk management and environmental protection measures.
- Promote best practice waste management and self-contained camping to protect the Shire's natural assets.

4. Definitions

Bushfire prone area means an area that has been designated by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner under s.18P of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1998* as an area that is subject or likely to be subject to bushfires. Such areas are identified on the *Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas* and can be found on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services website.

Caretaker is a person residing permanently on the property and responsible for overseeing the management of the site and compliance with the conditions of approval.

Micro camping means a campground on private land entailing no more than five (5) sites on which a recreational vehicle or caravan can be set up. Micro camping is considered a sub-category of "caravan park" under the *Shire of Waroona Local Planning Scheme No. 7* (the Scheme).

Recreational vehicle (RV) is a motorized or towed vehicle designed for temporary accommodation, equipped with self-contained facilities for water and waste.

Sensitive land use includes uses where people may be sensitive to noise, traffic, or visual impacts.

5. Application of this Policy

This policy applies throughout the district.

The zoning table of the Shire of Waroona Town Planning Scheme No. 7 designates which zones these types of land uses can be permitted. Micro camping is to be classified as a caravan park under the zoning table.

Micro camping is a discretionary use in the following zones:

- General Farming
- Coastal
- Coastal Highway
- Darling Ranges

Where micro camping is proposed on land abutting or within 200 metres of a sensitive land use, additional impact assessment and community consultation may be required.

6. Provisions

- (1) Sites shall have a legal access from the public road network and adequate internal manoeuvring space.
- (2) No sites shall be used for permanent occupation. Sites shall have a maximum stay of three (3) nights in any seven (7) day period, with no return stay within that period by the same vehicle or guest.
- (3) The use shall not adversely affect the amenity of the area and have detrimental impacts on the use and enjoyment of nearby sensitive land uses.
- (4) A caretaker shall be stationed on site in an existing dwelling on the property at all times during which sites are occupied by campers. Caretaker contact details should be displayed on-site for guests and neighbours.
- (5) The use shall only entail caravans and recreational vehicles that are able to fully capture wastewater (vehicles must be fitted with greywater and blackwater storage tanks). No sites are to be occupied by tents, swags or other forms of camping that do not allow wastewater to be captured.
- (6) All waste, including wastewater, must be disposed of at approved facilities. Litter must be collected daily and stored in sealed containers.
- (7) A bushfire attack level assessment may be required to be prepared by a qualified consultant to ascertain the level of bushfire threat to any camp sites on the property. Depending on the circumstances, a bushfire management plan and/or an emergency evacuation plan may also be required to be prepared to accompany the bushfire attack level assessment.
- (8) Proposed short-term accommodation that entails a bushfire attack level rating of BAL-40 or higher may not be considered appropriate for micro camping.
- (9) Adequate on-site parking and turning areas must be provided for each site to prevent vehicles from reversing onto public roads.
- (10) Micro camping sites should be located to avoid clearing of native vegetation, impact on waterways, or disturbance of wildlife habitats.

- (11) Quiet hours between 10.00pm and 7.00am shall be observed.
- (12) Signage shall be limited to one unobtrusive identification sign.

7. Exemptions and Limitations

Due to the small scale of micro camping, ablution facilities, camp kitchens and similar amenities are not required. Proposals exceeding five (5) sites will require additional infrastructure in accordance with the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*.

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