



1. Citation

This is a Local Health Policy prepared in relation to Regulation 11 and 11A of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*. This Policy may be cited as Local Health Policy 2 – Temporary Accommodation

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure consistency in the assessment and issuing of temporary accommodation permits that are issued under Regulation 11A of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*.

3. Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- a. Promote camping that occurs in a safe, healthy and clean manner and does not cause detriment of people, property or environment.
- b. Encourage camping to occur in a manner that does not prejudice the amenity of the area.
- c. Set provisions around temporary occupation, including a maximum appropriate timeframe.
- d. Promote living standards that are serviced by necessary utilities including power, water, effluent and waste disposal.

4. Application of this policy

This policy applies throughout the local government area and is applicable to a '**camp**' as defined under the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Act 1995*, at a place other than at a caravan park or camping ground. A camp is defined as:

"Means any portable shed or hut, tent, tent fly, awning, blind or other portable thing used as or capable of being used for habitation and includes a vehicle of a prescribed type or in prescribed circumstances."

5. Provisions

- a. The Shire will only approve camping under the provisions of Regulation 11A of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997* in Rural zones that are identified under the *Planning and Development Act 2005*. Camping in Urban zones will not be approved.
- b. An application for Temporary Accommodation shall be submitted to the Shire with all necessary information. This shall demonstrate suitable arrangements from an amenity, health, safety, environmental and services perspective.

- c. Approval under Regulation 11A of the *Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997* must be issued prior to camping on-site. Approval will only be issued once:
 - i. Development approval and/or a Building Permit has been issued for the construction of a house, and they remain valid; and
 - ii. Foundations for the house have been installed in full; and
 - iii. Active construction works are underway for the house.

Standard Conditions for the Regulation 11A approval under the *Caravan and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*.

- a. Camping shall only be permitted in association with the active construction of a house. A valid Development Approval and/or Building Permit shall be always held for this approval to remain valid.
- b. Prior to occupation or use of the camp, the following shall be satisfied to the specification of the Shire:
 - i. Connected to an approved effluent disposal system or the reticulated sewerage network, if available.
 - ii. Provided with a reticulated electricity supply or alternatively, a renewable energy system and battery storage. Sources that may cause a nuisance, emissions or may start a bushfire, will not be permitted.
 - iii. Connected to a potable water supply of 100,000 litres (tank) or connected to a reticulated water supply.
 - iv. Provided with established natural screening measures (landscaping) to prevent the camping and incidental activities being visible from neighbouring properties and public places.
 - v. Provided with a suitable waste receptacle and disposal/collection service.
- c. These shall be at all times maintained to the satisfaction of the Shire.
- d. The camp, and within five metres of it, shall be kept free from leaf litter, grasses, shrubs, and other flammable vegetation at all times.
- e. A 2.5 kilogram ABE powder type portable fire extinguisher and 1 square metre fire blanket shall be kept and maintained in the camp in full working order at all times.
- f. The camp shall be established and maintained to the satisfaction of the Shire. Activities shall ensure they do not cause an amenity problem or pose a hazard to safety or health, and that the land is maintained in a condition that is suitable for health, safety and access to services standards. Failure to meet these standards or any condition of this approval will result in the revocation of this approval under Regulation 11A(5) of the *Caravan and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997*.
- g. Camping shall not exceed a period of 24 months.
- h. The camp shall be decommissioned and removed following practical completion of the house.

6. Legislative and Strategic Context

Caravan and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997.

7. Review

This policy is to be reviewed as required.

8. Associated Documents

Nil.

9. Document Control

Division	Building/Health		
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Related Shire Documents	Nil		
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6.4	Temporary Accommodation

11. Amendments

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