

Shire of Denmark

Draft Fire Works Usage Policy

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

MAY 2017

No.	NAME & ADDRESS	SUMMARY OF SUBMISSION
1.	[REDACTED]	<p>[REDACTED] and I have both read the draft policy for Fireworks Usage and we are extremely happy with the draft. The policy covers all our concerns re stock management and fire concerns during the prohibited fire season. Thank you for your hard work with this policy and thank you for your help and concern to stop the last application for fireworks.</p>
2.	[REDACTED]	<p>I'd like to comment on the Firework Usage Policy I believe it's an excellent Policy. I believe it's far too dangerous to let fireworks off in anything other than tightly controlled areas outlined in the policy. Denmark is the second highest Fire Risk area in the State. We need to err on the side of caution.</p>
3.	[REDACTED]	<p>Thank you for your correspondence 22.2.2107. May I take this opportunity for the effort that you have taken to compile a Fireworks Policy for the Shire of Denmark. Having read through documents carefully, I find the contents compiled to be sensible & fair to all parties, & I Support the proposed policy 100%. May I draw your attention to statutory obligations, (last paragraph) i.e. It should however be noted that the only legal power that council has to actually stop the usage of fireworks would be by adding a regulation to the annual Shire of Denmark Fire Regulation Notice. If this is not difficult, then I would urge you to implement this regulation into the annual Shire of Denmark Fire Regulation Notice. This would ensure that the Shire of Denmark, & its Rangers would have the power to act if necessary. It would also I believe act against any party wishing to find a loophole in the policy.</p>

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COUNCIL POLICY - draft

P070405 Fireworks Usage Policy

Objective

The objective of this policy is to provide guidance to staff in issuing fireworks permits in order to prevent the spread of wildfire and the traumatising of livestock, horses and companion animals through inappropriate fireworks usage.

Policy

The only types of fireworks that will be considered for usage under this policy are those that are fired at and remain at ground level.

Fireworks that are fired into the air and/ or explode in the air will not be permitted due to their increased fire risk.

Prohibited Circumstances

The usage of fireworks will not be approved in the following circumstances:

In any location during the prohibited fire season.

In any location during the restricted fire season except where firefighting unit(s) with a combined water holding capacity of at least 1000 litres are available onsite and manned by competent crews.

At any time on land that is zoned rural or special rural.

At any time on land that directly adjoins or is over the road from land zoned rural or special rural where the effected land is being actively used for grazing purposes.

On other lands that are within 1km of land that is zoned rural or special rural where the effected land is being actively used for grazing purposes.

Approvable Circumstances

Fireworks proposals will only be considered under the following circumstances.

On cleared areas of Shire reserves that are within town site boundaries where the distance to bush or other bushfire hazards is twice the estimated

ember drop zone with consideration being given to anticipated winds during the event.

Where prior Department of Parks & Wildlife (DPaW) approval has been obtained when the land is adjacent to DPaW controlled land.

On river inlets where the distance to bush or other bushfire hazards is twice the estimated ember drop zone with consideration being given to anticipated winds during the event.

Responsible Officer

The Director of Community & Regulatory Services is the responsible officer for implementing this policy.

