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FIRE PROTECTION

This policy applies to all use and development in the rural zones.

Policy Basis

To ensure that new land use and development does not increase the level of fire risk, and that new land use and development includes adequate fire protection measures.

Policy

It is policy that adequate fire protection measures should be employed by requiring that:

- Dwellings in rural areas should be designed, sited and constructed to minimise the impact and emergency conditions arising from fire.
- Development associated with residential and public use should incorporate fire prevention measures in accordance with the relevant fire prevention guidelines.
- Access, fencing and location of dams should maximise fire fighting potential and minimise interference with fire fighting measures.
- Adequate water supplies with suitable flow rates should be provided.
- Plantations should be designed to minimise the risk of fire.