


COUNCIL POLICY

Vegetation Vandalism	Adopted By Council:	05/04/05	
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CONTEXT

The purpose of this policy to ensure appropriate action is taken to respond to vegetation vandalism on public land within the Borough of Queenscliffe by:

- defining the procedure to follow when vegetation vandalism has occurred
- alerting the community to wilful acts of vegetation vandalism
- raising awareness in the community of the importance of vegetation on public land
- reducing the incidents of vegetation vandalism.

DEFINITIONS

Vegetation Vandalism the wilful and illegal damage or removal of vegetation from public land under the control of the Borough of Queenscliffe.

Council land includes Council owned land, parks, reserves and roads.

Crown Land land vested in the Crown for which Council is the Committee of Management.

POLICY

1. Council will continue to actively promote the significance and importance of vegetation on public land, particularly remnant vegetation, through the local media, Council website and brochures.
2. Upon notification of an act of vegetation vandalism the Council will take the following action:
 - Initiate an investigation by Council's law enforcement officer, which will include interviewing nearby residents or witnesses and notifying the local police.
 - Arrange for the site of the vandalism to be cleared and appropriately barricaded to allow for replanting.
 - Replace the vandalised vegetation with an advanced plant (where available) of the same species
 - Erect a sign (example shown below) to notify the community of the vandalism. The wording on the sign and the size of the sign to be determined by Council based on the circumstances of the vandalism. The sign shall remain in place for six (6) months.

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Vegetation Vandalism has occurred in this area.

Fines applicable range from \$200 - \$5,000

Anyone with information regarding this act of vandalism is encouraged to contact the Council.

Chief Executive Officer

- Place an article in the local media detailing the incident of vegetation vandalism.

OTHER REFERENCES

Local Law No 2, 2010 Community Amenity

Queenscliffe Planning Scheme

Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988

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