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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 firefighting potential and minimise interference with firefighting measures.
- Adequate water supplies with suitable flow rates should be provided.
- Plantations should be designed to minimise the risk of fire.