

Policy No. 89: Camping on Council Reserves

POLICY MANUAL

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Purpose	The purpose of this Policy is to provide guidance about the use of the Council's reserves for camping.
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1. Definitions

<i>Council Reserves</i>	Includes parklands, sports fields, reserves, council land provided or managed by the Council for the purpose of recreation.
<i>Management Committee</i>	Special Committee of Council or community group approved by Council.
<i>Overflow Events</i>	Agfest, Tasmanian Craft Fair and other significant events.

2. Objective

The objective of this Policy is to ensure that camping on the Council reserves is managed in accordance with principles of the National Competition Policy.

3. Scope

This Policy applies to land owned or managed by the Council.

4. Policy

- a. Free camping is not permitted on the Council's reserves.
- b. During Overflow Events, the Council may allow temporary camping areas on the Council reserves to manage overflow demand from local commercial operators. A fee may be charged to cover the costs of administration and maintenance.

- c. Camping on the Council's reserves will be considered in the following circumstances:
 - i. a management committee will manage the site;
 - ii. an appropriate level and type of public liability insurance is in place;
 - iii. a planning permit has been issued for the use, or there are established existing use rights;
 - iv. the reserve has the appropriate facilities to cater for campers, recreational vehicles or caravans; and
 - v. no longer than four consecutive nights camping is permitted.

5. Legislation and Related Standards

Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

Local Government Act 1993

Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Meander Valley

6. Responsibility

Responsibility for the operation of this Policy rests with the Director Development and Regulatory Services.