#### Whitsunday Regional Council

# Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2014

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#### Part 1 Preliminary

#### 1 Short title

This subordinate local law may be cited as *Whitsunday Regional Council Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2014.* 

#### 2 Purpose and how it is to be achieved

- (1) The purpose of this subordinate local law is to supplement *Local Law No. 3* (*Community and Environmental Management*) 2014, which provides for protecting the environment and public health, safety and amenity within the local government's area.
- (2) The purpose is to be achieved by providing for—
  - (a) declaration of local pests; and
  - (b) prohibition of lighting or maintaining certain fires; and
  - (c) declaration of fire hazards; and
  - (d) declaration of community safety hazards; and
  - (e) prescribed requirements for owners of land containing community safety hazards; and
  - (f) declaration of noise standards.

#### 3 Authorising local law

The making of the provisions in this subordinate local law is authorised by *Local Law* No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2014 (the **authorising local law**).

#### 4 Definitions

Particular words used in this subordinate local law have the same meaning as provided for in the authorising local law.

In this subordinate local law -

#### General Waste means-

- (a) Generally, waste other than regulated waste (as defined in the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011);* or
- (b) Any of the following-
  - (i) Commercial waste means waste, other than green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of commercial premises;
  - (ii) Domestic waste means waste, other than domestic clean-up waste, green waste, recyclable waste, interceptor waste or waste discharged to a sewer, produced as a result of the ordinary use or occupation of domestic premises;
  - (iii) Recyclable waste for a local government's area, means clean and inoffensive waste that is declared by the local government to be recyclable

waste for the area.

Examples of waste that may be declared to be recyclable waste-

Glass bottles, newspaper, cardboard, steel and aluminium cans and green waste.

*Generator* means an engine that converts mechanical energy into electricity to serve as a power source.

Lot has the meaning given in the Planning Act 2016.

*Non-urban area* includes all areas not contained within the definition of an urban area contained within the *Planning Regulation 2017*.

*Planning scheme* means the planning scheme made or amended from time-to-time under the *Planning Act 2016*.

Property means-

- (a) a lot; or
- (b) if a person owns and occupies 2 or more adjoining lots the parcel of land comprising all of the lots owned by the person.

Residential activities means the following defined uses under the Planning scheme-

- (a) Caretaker's accommodation;
- (b) Community residence;
- (c) Dual occupancy;
- (d) Dwelling house;
- (e) Dwelling unit;
- (f) Multiple dwelling;
- (g) Non-resident workforce accommodation;
- (h) Relocatable home park;
- (i) Residential care facility;
- (j) Retirement facility;
- (k) Rooming accommodation; or
- (l) Rural workers' accommodation.

Urban area is that defined under the Planning Regulation 2017.

Occupier of a place includes-

- (a) The person who has the control or management of the place; or
- (b) A person in charge of or responsible for activities in the place that result in contravention of or a nuisance under this local law; or
- (c) With respect to noise nuisances a person in attendance at the place who is the person making the excessive noise or in a position to abate the noise nuisance.

Owner has the meaning given in the Planning Act 2016.

#### Part 2 Declared local pests

#### 5 Declaration of local pests—Authorising local law, s 6(1)

For section 6(1) of the authorising local law, the animal or plant prescribed in column 1 of schedule 1 is a declared pest in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 2 of schedule 1.

### 6 Persons exempted from introducing etc a declared local pest—Authorising local law, s 12(2)

For section 12(2) of the authorising local law, a person mentioned in column 1 of schedule 2 is exempt from section 12(1) of the authorising local law in relation to introducing, propagating, breeding or providing harbour to a declared local pest mentioned in the corresponding part of column 2 of schedule 2.

#### Part 3 Overgrown and unsightly allotments

Overgrown and unsightly allotments include land with an abandoned sugar cane crop which has not been harvested for 24 months or more and which is likely to attract or harbour reptiles.

#### Part 4 Fires and fire hazards

#### 7 Prohibition on lighting or maintaining fires—Authorising local law, s 15(2)

- (1) This section applies to the following fires<sup>1</sup>—
  - (a) a fire in which neither the height, width nor length of the material to be consumed exceeds 2 metres;
  - (b) a fire lit for the purpose of burning the carcass of a beast;
  - (c) a fire lit at a sawmill for the purpose of burning sawdust or other residue resulting from the operation of a sawmill;
  - (d) a fire lit out-doors, unless enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of fire or any burning material therefrom.
- (2) For section 15(2) of the authorising local law, lighting or maintaining a fire described in column 2 of schedule 3 is declared to be prohibited in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 1 of schedule 3.

#### 8 Fire hazards—Authorising local law, s 16(3)(b)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to a notification by the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner published in the gazette on 6 August 2004 under section 63 of the *Fire and Emergency Services Act 1990*, the listed fires can generally be lit without a permit issued by a fire warden, provided adequate precautions are taken to prevent the spread of fire and the fire conforms with any local law. Local laws can therefore regulate these types of fire, which is the purpose of this subordinate local law.

For section 16(3)(b) of the authorising local law, the following are declared to be fire hazards—

- (a) live cinders or hot ash that is not enclosed in a fireplace so constructed as to prevent the escape of cinders or ash;
- (b) a substantial accumulation of grass clippings that is liable to spontaneous combustion;
- (c) dry vegetation that could be easily ignited or other flammable materials;
- (d) abandoned sugar cane crops which have not been harvested for 24 months or more;
- (e) accumulation of goods and materials that could ignite or cause danger to persons or property.

#### Part 5 Community safety hazards

#### 9 Community safety hazards—Authorising local law, s 17(c)

For section 17(c) of the authorising local law, the following are declared to be community safety hazards—

- (a) a plant on premises which—
  - (i) is dangerous or attracts reptiles; or
  - (ii) has caused, or is, in the opinion of an authorised person, likely to cause-
    - (A) personal injury or property damage; or
    - (B) a negative impact on the amenity of the surrounding area; and
- (b) an act or omission on premises which—
  - (i) is dangerous or attracts reptiles; or
  - (ii) has caused, or is, in the opinion of an authorised person, likely to cause—
    - (A) personal injury or property damage; or
    - (B) a negative impact on the amenity of the surrounding area; and
- (c) a dead animal on premises which—
  - (i) is dangerous or attracts reptiles; or
  - (ii) has caused, or is, in the opinion of an authorised person, likely to cause—
    - (A) personal injury or property damage; or
    - (B) a negative impact on the amenity of the surrounding area; and
- (d) a disused well;
- (e) general waste.

### 10 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards—Authorising local law, s 20(1)

For section 20(1) of the authorising local law, a responsible person for a community safety hazard listed in column 1 of schedule 4 must meet the requirements prescribed in the corresponding part of column 2 of schedule 4.

#### Part 6 Noise standards

#### 11 Prescribed noise standards—Authorising local law, s 21(2)

- (1) For section 21(2) of the authorising local law, the noise standard in column 2 of schedule 5 is prescribed for the section of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, chapter 8, part 3B, division 3 stated in column 1 of schedule 5.
- (2) For section 21(2) of the authorising local law, the noise standard in column 2 of schedule 5 applies in the corresponding part of the local government's area mentioned in column 3 of schedule 5.

#### Part 7 Miscellaneous

This part in the authorising local law does not contain any matters to be provided for by subordinate local law.

## Schedule 1 Declared local pests

	Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area	Column 2 Declared local pest
1	Entire local government area	See Stock Route Management Regulation 2003 for a list of plants and animals that are already declared pests under the Stock Route Management Act 2002. See Biosecurity Act 2015 for a list of plants, fish and animals that are the subject of a General Biosecurity Obligation.
		Milkweed (Euphorbia heterophylla)
		Castor Oil Plant (Ricinus communis)
		Japanese Sunflower (Tithonia diversifolia)
		Caltrop (Tribulus cistoides, T. terrestris)
		Coral Vine (Antigonon leptopus)
		Khaki Weed (Alternanthera pungens)
		Noogoora Burr (Xanthium strumarium)
		Blackeyed Susan (Thunbergia alata, T. species)
		Neem Tree (Azadirachta indica)
		Leucaena (Leucaena leucocephaia)
		Itch Grass (Rottboellia cochinchinensis)
		Candle Bush (Senna alata)

# Schedule 2 Persons exempt from the offence of introducing a declared local pest

	Column 1 Exempt Person	Column 2 Declared local pest
1	Authorised persons of, or persons engaged by, a local, State or Commonwealth government authority while acting under the direction of the authority	Milkweed (Euphorbia heterophylla) Castor Oil Plant (Ricinus communis) Japanese Sunflower (Tithonia diversifolia) Caltrop (Tribulus cistoides, T. terrestris) Coral Vine (Antigonon leptopus) Khaki Weed (Alternanthera pungens) Noogoora Burr (Xanthium strumarium) Blackeyed Susan (Thunbergia alata, T. species) Neem Tree (Azadirachta indica) Leucaena (Leucaena Leucocephaia) Itch Grass (Rottboellia cochinchinensis) Candle Bush (Senna alata)

# <sup>9</sup> Schedule 3 Prohibited fires

Section 7(2)

	Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area		Column 2 Prohibited fire
1	Entire local government area	(1)	A fire that is not contained in a commercial standard incinerator constructed in accordance with Australian Standard 1875 (or any other applicable Australian Standard); or
		(2)	Any fire that is not directly associated with the bona fide use of an appliance or equipment for cooking or warmth provided all reasonable and practical measures have been taken by the person in control of the fire to minimise smoke creation and is enclosed in a fireplace that prevents the escape of fire or any burning material therefrom. E.g. a fire that is contained in a domestic barbeque or brazier; or
			In subsection (2) –
			<i>Reasonable and practical</i> <i>measures</i> include the selection of a suitable fuel for the burning activity and the maintenance of conditions which promote efficient combustion of that fuel.
		(3)	A fire that causes smoke or other products of combustion and is likely in the opinion of an authorised person to cause irritation, annoyance or distress to others; or
		(4)	A fire that in the opinion of an authorised person exposes property to the risk of damage or destruction by the fire.

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2	Local government controlled areas	A fire that is not in a fireplace, barbeque or incinerator constructed by the local government.							
3	Bathing reserves	Any fire.							

# Schedule 4 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards

	Column 1	Column 2		
	Community safety hazard	Prescribed requirements to be met by the responsible person for the community safety hazard		
1	Barbed wire fencing.	(1) Fencing not to be installed along a boundary adjoining a public park;		
		<ul><li>(2) Barbed wire to be used in urban areas only in a security fence with the barbed wire to be more than 2 metres off the ground.</li></ul>		
2	Electric fencing.	<ol> <li>Fencing that adjoins any road or public land to have warning signs of a size that can be read from a distance of 5 metres and fixed at 5 metre intervals along the fence;</li> </ol>		
		<ul> <li>(2) Fencing must be situated at least 1500mm from a fence located on or within the boundary of the premises OR such that if the fencing is installed on the boundary of the premises the lowest point of the fencing capable of imparting an electric shock when touched is at least 2000 mm in height;</li> </ul>		
		<ul> <li>(3) Fencing must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3014:2003;</li> </ul>		
		<ul><li>(4) Fencing for security must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3016:2002.</li></ul>		
3	Roof sheeting, guttering, sheet metal	Any materials not fixed to a structure to be secured to prevent them from becoming airborne during high winds.		
4	Disused machinery	(1) Must be stored in a structure or		
	Broken down machinery parts	way considered appropriate by an authorised person.		
	Severely rusted vehicles	autionsee person.		
	Accumulations of bottles, containers or packaging			

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	Refuse or scrap metal			
5	Objects that are unsecured or inadequately secured and likely in the opinion of an authorised person to be carried away in high winds with possible risk of personal injury or property	<ol> <li>Objects or materials to be safely secured to the satisfaction of an authorised person; or</li> <li>Objects or materials to be stored in an area where they are not subject</li> </ol>		
	damage	to movement by high winds		
6	Smoke from outdoor cooking ovens or fires	Must not in the opinion of an authorised person cause a nuisance to another person.		
7	Fish frames, scraping, carcasses or guts	Must not be discarded in water courses etc.		
8	Vegetation which overhangs another property which, because of its nature or its position, poses a significant risk of causing injury to a person or property.	The vegetation must be trimmed or removed to an extent that the vegetation does not pose a risk or cause an injury to a person or property.		
9	A disused well or dam	The disused well or dam must be filled in, barricaded or otherwise made safe.		
10	A fence or structure within 6 meters of the point of meeting of the alignment of respective allotments having frontages to a road intersection or road junction	The fence or structure must not be constructed to a height greater than 1 meter unless the location of the fence or structure is permitted by the planning scheme.		
11	Landscaping within 6 meters of the point of meeting of the alignment of respective allotments having frontages to a road intersection or road junction	Plants and trees must not be permitted to exceed 1 meter in height.		
12	Artificial illumination	Stop and further prevent the light spillage or reduce it to a level which is in the opinion of an authorised person, acceptable.		
13	Atmospheric pollutants e.g odour or dust	<ol> <li>Stop and further prevent the emission of odours, dust or other atmospheric pollutants; or</li> </ol>		
		<ul><li>(2) Reduce the emission to a level which in the opinion of an authorised person is acceptable; or</li></ul>		
		<ul><li>(3) Take any other action reasonably required to remedy and further prevent the hazard.</li></ul>		
14	Goods, objects, materials or other things stored or deposited on land.	Remove goods, objects, materials or other things from the land.		
	E.g Shipping containers			

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15	General Waste (including Recyclable Waste)	(1)	waste contai	y enough standard general containers at the premises to in the general waste produced premises; or	
		(2)	The owner of a relevant or serviced premise is required to have supplied by the local government enough waste containers, to contain the general waste produced at the premises–		
				if a local government supplies a general waste container to the premises the reasonable cost of supplying the container is a debt payable by the owner or occupier of the premises to the local government.	
		(3)	The o	ccupier of premises must-	
			]	store general waste at the premises in a standard general waste container or, if required by the local government, another type of waste container; and	
			1	keep each waste container at the premises clean, hygienic and in good repair; and	
				ensure that each waste container at the premises is securely covered, except when the waste is being placed in, or removed from, the container;	
		(4)	A pers	son must not–	
				place any of the following in a waste container–	
			(	<ul> <li>a liquid, semi-liquid or moist substance, unless the substance is securely wrapped or contained to prevent the substance leaking from the wrapper or container;</li> </ul>	

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			(ii)	material that is smouldering or aflame;
			(iii)	matter or a thing that is alive; or
		(b)	of a wher	we or disturb the cover waste container, except a placing waste in the hiner; or
		(c)	conta weat or ca	or damage a waste niner so that it is not herproof or serviceable n not be securely red; or
		(d)		rb or otherwise interfere the contents of a waste niner.
	(5)	must	ensur	er of serviced premises e that a waste container or the premises is kept–
		(a)	requi kept	e local government ires the container to be at a particular place at remises, at the place; or
		(b)	close	wise, at ground level to the rear alignment of lding at the premises.
	(6)	for the from the orders of the	ne coll a was occupie re ther e conta	overnment has arranged ection of general waste ite container at premises, er of the premises must re is unobstructed access ainer for removal of the
	(7)	dispo	ose of on dep	nust not deposit or the waste unless the osits or disposes of the
		(a)	at a v	waste facility; or
		(b)	in ac	cordance with-
			(i)	an approval given by the local government for disposal of the waste; and

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	(ii)	if the approval has been given on conditions, the conditions of the approval.

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## Schedule 5 Prescribed noise standards

Column 1		Column 3			
Section of the Environmental Protection Act 1994, chapter 8, part 3B, division 3		]	Prescribed noise standard	Applicable part of local government's area	
440R Building	Buil	ding V	Work	Entire local	
work	(1)	-	rson must not carry out building k in a way that makes an audible e–	government area	
		(a)	on a business day or Saturday, before 6.30am or after 6.30pm; or		
		(b)	on any other day, at any time.		
	(2)		reference in subsection (1) to a on carrying out building work–		
		(a)	includes a person carrying out building work under an owner- builder permit; and		
		(b)	otherwise does not include a person carrying out building work at premises used by the person only for residential activities.		
440S Regulated	Regulated devices – General			Entire local government area	
Devices	A <b>Regulated device</b> for the purposes of this section means any of the following–				
		(a)	a compressor;		
		(b)	a ducted vacuuming system;		
		(c)	a generator;		
		(d)	a grass-cutter;		
		(e)	an impacting tool;		
		(f)	a leaf-blower;		
		(g)	a mulcher;		
		(h)	an oxyacetylene burner;		
		(i)	an electrical, mechanical or pneumatic power tool;		
			Examples of a power tool-		

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			w, drill, electric grinder or sander, welder, nail gun;	
		resolu to be a	her device declared by tion of the local government a regulated device for the ses of this provision.	
	(1)	This sectior	applies to-	
		• •	on carrying out an activity than building work; and	
		work, person activit	on carrying out building at premises used by the n only for residential ties, other than under an r-builder permit.	
	(2)	-	ust not use or operate a evice in a way that makes an se–	
		. ,	en 7.00pm and 7.00am on a ess day or Saturday; or	
		(b) betwe other	en 7.00pm and 8.00am on any day.	
	(3)	person usin device is a f attaches to a	poses of subsection (2), if the g or operating the regulated minor, liability instead a parent, guardian or person or apparent care of the minor.	
	(4)	operating a a place that railway und occupier of contractor of Council ope blower or st	(2) does not apply to a person grass-cutter or leaf-blower at is a State-controlled road or a er an authority from the the place or an employee or of Whitsunday Regional erating a grass-cutter, leaf- treet sweeper being operated thority of the Whitsunday pouncil.	
	(5)	person oper manual arts	(2)(a) does not apply to a ating a regulated device at a facility at an educational between 7.00pm and 10.00pm.	
440T Pumps	Pum	S		Entire local
	(1)	This sectior which there	applies to premises at or for is a pump.	government area

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	(2)		occupier of the premises must not or permit the use of the pump on any			
		(a)	between 10.00pm and 7.00am, if it makes an audible noise; or			
		(b)	between 7.00am and 7.00pm, if it makes a noise of more than 5dB(A) above the background level; or			
		(c)	between 7.00pm and 10.00pm, if it makes a noise of more than 3dB(A) above the background level.			
	(3)	appl insti	section (2)(a), (b) and (c) do not y to a noise made at an educational tution, that is not more than 5dB(A) we the background level.			
	(4)	In th	is section-			
		Pump–				
		(a)	means an electrical, mechanical or pneumatic pump; and			
			Examples-			
			Liquid pump, air pump, heat pump			
		(b)	includes a swimming pool pump and a spa blower.			
440U Air-	Air-conditioning equipment			Entire local		
conditioning equipment	(1)	whie	section applies to premises at or for there is air-conditioning pment.	government area		
	(2)	or pe day i	ccupier of the premises must not use, ermit the use of, the equipment on any f it makes a noise of more than (A) above the background level.			
440V Refrigeration equipment	Refr	igera	tion equipment	Entire local		
	(1)	This	section applies to a person who is –	government area		
		(a)	an occupier of premises at or for which there is plant or equipment for refrigeration <i>(refrigeration equipment);</i> or			
		(b)	an owner of refrigeration equipment that is on or in a vehicle, other than a vehicle used or to be used on a railway.			

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	(2) The person must not use, or permit the use of, the refrigeration equipment on any day–				
	<ul> <li>(a) between 10.00pm and 7.00am, if it makes a noise of more than 3dB(A) above the background level; or</li> </ul>				
	<ul><li>(b) between 7.00am and 10.00pm, if it makes a noise of more than 5dB(A) above the background level.</li></ul>				
	(3) In this section–				
	<i>Vehicle</i> includes a trailer.				
	Noise levels produced 3m immediately in front of speaker systems do not exceed 100dB at	Airlie Esplanade Reserve			
	times before 7.00pm and between 10.00pm and 12 midnight, and/or 110dB at times between	Airlie Lagoon Precinct			
	7.00pm and 10.00pm, so that the use or activity	Bowen Front Beach			
	authorised under the licence does not cause a nuisance.	Cannonvale Foreshore			
	Noise levels produced 3m immediately in front	Airlie Main Street			
	of speaker systems must not exceed 90dB so that the use or activity authorised under the	Proserpine Main Street			
	licence does not cause a nuisance.				
	Noise levels produced 3m immediately in front of speaker systems does not exceed 100dB at times before 7.00pm and between 10.00pm and 12 midnight, and/or 110dB at times between 7.00pm and 10.00pm, so that the use or activity authorised under the licence does not cause a nuisance.	Parkland or reserve throughout entire local government area			

#### **Drafting certificate**

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