



# Policy document

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## Availability of Plant and Equipment for Emergency Purposes

### Head of Power

*Disaster Management Act 2003*

*Fire and Rescue Service Act 1990*

### Key Supporting Council Document

Lockyer Valley Regional Council Corporate Plan 2012-2017 – Lockyer Community - *Working together for an inclusive, safe and healthy community.*

### Definitions

*Plant* is defined in the Work Health and Safety Act as:

- (a) any machinery, equipment, appliance, container, implement and tool; and
- (b) any component of any of those things; and
- (c) anything fitted or connected to any of those things.

Council considers plant and equipment to be owned assets such as water trucks, dozers, graders, front-end loaders and associated equipment.

### Policy Objective

This policy formalises the conditions for use of Lockyer Valley Regional Council (Council) plant and equipment that may be made available to Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) for use during emergencies.

### Policy Statement

Council plant and equipment and operators may be available for emergency purposes by QFES within the Council area. Requests for the use of plant and equipment and operators outside Council's boundary will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

The use of Council plant and equipment and operators incurs a cost that Council will endeavour to recover. The cost of hire for the plant and equipment (as per Asset Hire Rates) and operator payroll costs would be sought by Council whenever Council plant and equipment is made available.

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With regard to recouping costs from QFES, the following differentiation applies -

QFES - Urban Areas - Council will request the reimbursement of costs by invoicing QFES for any plant and equipment provided in the urban fire brigade areas within the Council area with the following exceptions:

- a) if the fire began on Council property
- b) if the fire is threatening Council-owned infrastructure.

QFES - Rural Areas - For incidents falling outside the defined urban areas, Council will not seek reimbursement from the Rural Fire Services and will waive any costs associated with the provision of this plant or equipment, with the following exception:

- a) Council will only seek payment from QFES (Rural Fire Service) if these costs can be recovered from a third party

Council plant and equipment and operators made available for emergency use should only be retained for the shortest practical time necessary.

All requests for plant and equipment are to be made to Council from an authorised QFES Officer or Fire Communications Centre with the following information provided by email to [disastermanagement@lvrc.qld.gov.au](mailto:disastermanagement@lvrc.qld.gov.au):

- An incident number
- Precise location of the incident for which the plant and/or equipment is required
- Details of the plant and/or equipment requested
- Location where the plant and/or equipment is to be deployed
- Purpose for which the plant and/or equipment will be deployed
- Approximate duration plant and/or equipment will be required.

Approval to make Council plant and equipment available to QFES can only be given by the following authorised Council personnel:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Executive Manager Infrastructure Works & Services
- Executive Manager Governance and Performance

While it is accepted that where Council plant and equipment is made available for emergency purposes, such plant and equipment will be at the direction of the person



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in charge or control of the incident. Council, however, reserves the right for its operators (or the authorised officers noted above) to remove the plant and equipment if it is considered that there is risk of damage to the plant and equipment.

In addition, if either the operator or an authorised officer considers the safety of the operator to be at risk, the operator will be removed.

### **Related Documents**

Asset Hire Rates