

TITLE:	Juno Usage Policy		
DIVISION:	Corporate		
ADOPTED BY:	Council		
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AUTHORISED:	Chief Executive Officer		

THIS POLICY APPLIES TO: All Employees, Elected Members and Appointed Members of the Barkly Regional Council (Council)

SUMMARY

Council is committed to ensuring all Council land is used in a way that provides community benefits to Tennant Creek and the wider Barkly region. Portion 1918 (Juno) is the largest block of freehold land in Tennant Creek and Council has long held the philosophy that the usage of this land will only be authorised on certain conditions. This Policy reflects these conditions and acts as a formal document indicating compliance with previously resolved Council decisions.

BACKGROUND

Juno was purchased using Council funds (of the former Tennant Creek Town Council) and Council is committed to ensuring that the property is utilised in a way that does not negatively impact on the community and that any ultimate disposal should only be carried out with the majority agreement of local people. Council has undertaken a variety of surveys and community consultation policies to gauge community interest and opinions on the future usage of Juno.

OBJECTIVES

This Policy aims to ensure:

- a) Juno is used in a way that provides a community benefit to Tennant Creek;
- b) Council is adequately protected in case of damage on Juno land;
- c) Only the appropriate lease options are considered;
- d) The community is adequately consulted prior to a formal arrangement being entered into; and
- e) Appropriate measures are taken to protect the land and maintain its heritage value within Tennant Creek.

POLICY

- The land, or any portion, is not to be sold without the approval of Council made by Council Resolution;
- Preference will be given to those proposals which provide a community or social benefit to the Barkly Region at large, in particular Tennant Creek;

- All lessees maintain the land without harm or damage to the environment, land or infrastructure including introduction of noxious weeds or other pests, apart from fair wear and tear and must provide Council with documented insurance coverage prior to taking possession;
- The lessee must provide Council with an annual income to be determined in a separate Agreement between Council and the lessee;
- Proposals must be able to demonstrate financial sustainability for the lease period and all improvements to the land must obtain Council's prior written consent;
- Council has the right to inspect the property at any time during the lease;
- Consideration will be given to the intention of the various lessees and ensure that there is no interference or objection to the aims and objectives of neighbouring lessees;
- The lessee to be responsible for all statutory rates and charges including undertaking fire mitigation practices and general maintenance;
- No illegal substances to be consumed, manufactured, grown or taken onto the property;
- Council reserves the right to commence and operate an enterprise or provide a facility in its own right. In so doing, it will ensure that any such enterprise or facility will not be in direct competition to any similar privately operated enterprise or facility in Tennant Creek or the immediate area;
- All facilities or improvements to be constructed on Juno to be of appropriate standard and solid construction meeting acceptable community standards. Council reserves the right to pre-approve or reject all permanent structures being erected by a lessee. Preference will be given to those capital projects which are of a substantial nature rather than of demountable, transportable or other light construction; and
- Lessees are not to make any changes without prior written Council consent.

REFERENCES

Barkly Regional Council Principles/Guidelines for Consider Proposals for Juno Property (Portion 1918)
Community Consultation Policy
Disposal of Property Policy

RESPONSIBILITY & DELEGATION

The Chief Executive Officer has the responsibility for the implementation and enforcement of this Policy with delegation granted to the Chief Executive Officer's delegate during their absence.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW

This Policy is to be reviewed every three (3) years or as requested by the Chief Executive Officer.