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7.6 C-7EDRR06 – Exploratory Drilling On Road Reserves

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PART A- Policy

Objective

To set down the basis upon which exploratory drilling on road reserves will be permitted.

Policy Statement

The Chief Executive Officer is authorised (*see Delegations Register*) to approve applications for approval to carry out exploratory drilling on road reserves within the Shire District without reference to the Council, with the following conditions attached to the approval:

- (a) A plan is to be provided showing the approximate location of each hole to be drilled.
- (b) The applicant is to pay a Licence Fee at a per hole rate prior to commencement of the drilling. The fee will be included in the Schedule of Fees and Charges as part of the annual budget.
- (c) The applicant is to agree that all precautions will be taken to ensure that the drilling operations will not cause any interference or danger to traffic. With sealed roads, drilling is not to take place on the carriageway or within four (4) metres of the edge of the carriageway.
- (d) The applicant to agree to refill or cap all holes.
- (e) The applicant to agree to advise the Shire of Dandaragan of the details of any water supplies located during drilling.
- (f) The applicant to agree not to intentionally damage and to make good any damage to adjoining fences without any cost to the owner of the fence.
- (g) The applicant to agree to keep any damage to the roadside vegetation to the absolute minimum and in the case of excessive damage, the applicant is to meet the total cost of re-instatement.
- (h) Should any section of the road reserve lie within a total dieback management area the applicant shall, prior to undertaking any work whatsoever within the reserve, submit a management plan for dieback control to the Shire.
- (i) The applicant will indemnify the Shire of Dandaragan against any action being taken which may arise as a result of the activity.
- (j) Should the applicant cause any damage to the road running surface then it will be repaired by Council at the applicant's cost.
- (k) The applicant must obtain the approval of the Minister for Mines.
- (l) The applicant must obtain a "clearing permit" should it be required.

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- (m) The applicant must commission a “dial before you dig” report prior to any drilling commencing.