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Part 1 Preliminary

1 Short title

This subordinate local law may be cited as *Subordinate Local Law No.3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2018*.

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) 2018*, 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 responsible persons for 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) 2018* (the **authorising local law**).

4 Definitions

Unless otherwise specified in this local law, particular words used in this subordinate local law have the same meaning as provided for in the authorising local law.

Part 2 Declared local pests

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

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

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

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 fires¹—
 - (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, if 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)

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.

¹ Pursuant to a notification by the Queensland Fire and Rescue Commissioner published in the gazette on 30 July 2010 under former 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.

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) barbed wire fencing adjoining a public park or reserve or located in an urban area;
- (b) electric fencing adjoining public land;
- (c) wells (including disused wells);
- (d) an unfenced dam adjacent to a public park or reserve;
- (e) disused machinery or machinery parts;
- (f) broken down or severely rusted vehicles, or vehicle parts;
- (g) accumulation of bottles, containers or packaging;
- (h) refuse or scrap metal;
- (i) fish frames, scraping, carcasses and/or guts;
- (j) vegetation on premises which:
 - (i) is located on land adjoining a local government controlled area or road; and
 - (ii) is dangerous or attracts vermin; or
 - (iii) has caused, or is, in the opinion of an authorised person, likely to cause:
 - (A) personal injury to a person using the area or road; or
 - (B) damage to property located on the area or road.

9A 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

10 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

section 5

	Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area	Column 2 Declared local pest
1	Entire local government area	Amazon Frogbit (<i>Limnobium Laevigatum</i>)

**Schedule 2 Persons exempted from offence of
introducing etc declared local pest**

section 6(2)

	Column 1 Exempt person	Column 2 Declared local pest
1	<i>This table has been intentionally left blank</i>	

Schedule 3 Prohibited Fires

section 6(2)

	<p align="center">Column 1 Applicable part of local government's area</p>	<p align="center">Column 2 Prohibited Fires</p>
1	Entire local government area	<p>A person must not light or maintain a fire in the open air (including the use of an incinerator) within 100 metres of a residence unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the fire is directly associated with the bona fide use of any appliance or equipment for cooking purposes; or (b) the fire is for a Traditional Smoking Ceremony; and (c) all reasonable and practical measures have been taken by the person in control of the fire to minimise smoke created by the fire. <p>In this section:</p> <p><i>reasonable and practical measures</i> includes the selection of a suitable fuel for the burning activity and the maintenance of conditions which promotes efficient combustion of that fuel.</p> <p><i>suitable fuel</i> does not include grass cuttings, leaves, or any other household waste.</p>
2	Entire local government area	<p>A person must not light or maintain 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.</p>

Schedule 4 Prescribed requirements for community safety hazards

section 6(2)

	<p style="text-align: center;">Column 1 Community safety hazard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Column 2 Prescribed requirements to be met by owner of land</p>
1	Barbed wire fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Barbed wire fencing is not to be installed along a boundary adjoining a public park; (b) Barbed wire may only be used in urban areas— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) in a security fence with the barbed wire to be more than 1800mm off the ground; or (ii) on boundary fences on allotments over 40,000m² that do not adjoin a public park; or (iii) on fences that do not form part of an allotments boundary fence.
2	Electric fencing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Electric fencing that adjoins any road or public land must 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; (b) Electric fencing must be at least 1500mm from a fence located on or within the boundary of the premises OR 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 must be least 2000mm off the ground; (c) Fencing must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3014:2003; (d) Fencing for security must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with AS/NZS 3016:2002.

Schedule 5 Prescribed noise standards

section 11

Column 1 Section of the <i>Environmental</i> <i>Protection Act</i> 1994, Chapter 8, Part 3B, division 3	Column 2 Prescribed noise standard	Column 3 Applicable part of the local government area
440T Pumps	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) This section applies to premises at or for which there is a pump. 2) Subject to subsection (3) and (4), an occupier of the premises must not use, or permit the use of, the pump on any day— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) from 7pm to 7am the following day, if it makes a noise of more than 3dB(A) above the background level; or b) from 7am to 7pm if it makes a noise of more than 5dB(A) above the background level. 3) Subsection (2)(a), does not apply to a noise made at an educational institution, that is not more than 5dB(A) above the background level. 4) An occupier of the premises in a rural zone must not use, or permit the use of, the pump on any day— <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) from 7pm to 7am the following day, if it makes a noise of more than 5dB(A) above the background level; or b) from 7am to 7pm if it makes a noise of more than 15dB(A) above the background level. 5) In this section— <p>pump—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) means an electrical, mechanical or pneumatic pump; and <p><i>Examples—</i> <i>liquid pump, air pump, heat pump</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b) includes a swimming pool pump and a spa blower. 	<p>Entire local government area</p> <p>Rural zone²</p>

² Rural zone has the same meaning given to that term in the planning scheme.

Endnotes

1 Key

Key to abbreviations in list of amending local laws and annotations

Key		Explanation	Key		Explanation
amd	=	amended	prec	=	preceding
amdt	=	amendment	prev	=	previous
ch	=	chapter	prov	=	provision
def	=	definition	pt	=	part
div	=	division	renum	=	renumbered
hdg	=	heading	rep	=	repealed
ins	=	inserted	s	=	section
num	=	numbered	sch	=	schedule
om	=	omitted	sdiv	=	subdivision
p	=	page	sub	=	substituted
para	=	paragraph	unnum	=	Unnumbered

2 Table of consolidated versions

Consolidated Version No.	Amendments included	Effective	Notes
1	<i>Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Miscellaneous Subordinate Local Laws) 2019</i>	1 November 2019	
2	<i>Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2021</i>	7 May 2021	
3	<i>Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Miscellaneous Subordinate Local Laws) 2024</i>	20 December 2024	

3 List of amending local laws

Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 2 (Miscellaneous Subordinate Local Laws) 2019
Commenced on 1 November 2019

Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 3 (Community and Environmental Management) 2021
Commenced on 7 May 2021

Amending Subordinate Local Law No. 1 (Miscellaneous Subordinate Local Laws) 2024
Commenced on 20 December 2024

4 List of annotations Definitions

Part 1 Preliminary

s 4 amd 2019 No. 2 s 14

Part 4 Fire and fire hazards

s 7(1) om, ins 2024 No. 1 s 20(1)

Part 5 Community safety hazards

s 9 om, ins 2024 No. 1 s 21(1)

s 9A ins 2019 No. 2 s 15

Schedule 3 Prohibited Fires

s 1 amd 2019 No. 2 s 16

s 1 om, ins 2024 No. 1 s 22(1)

s 2 ins 2024 No. 1 s 22(2)

Schedule 5 Prescribed noise standards

s 440T ins 2019 No. 2 s 17

Schedule 1 Declared local pests

s 1 ins 2021 No. 3 s 6