



Public Graffiti Management Policy

Local Government Act 2009

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Council will ensure a managed response for the removal and reporting of graffiti on Council assets and other places where graffiti can be readily seen from a public place and will promote preventative strategies to minimise graffiti throughout Townsville City.

2. PRINCIPLES

- Council is committed to the removal of public graffiti;
- Council is committed to the development of preventative strategies to minimise public graffiti;
- Public graffiti reporting and removal will be undertaken in accordance with legislative requirements;
- Council will encourage property owners to remove public graffiti on private property; and
- The reporting and removal of public graffiti in Townsville will be managed in accordance with a Graffiti Management Plan.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to the reporting and removal of public graffiti within the City of Townsville. It applies to graffiti on Council assets, assets owned by other governmental agencies and privately owned assets.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Executive Officer, Director Infrastructure & Operations, General Manager IPAF and Team Manager Property Management are responsible for ensuring this policy is understood by relevant workers.

Council's Infrastructure Planning, Assets & Fleet Section (Property Management section) will coordinate graffiti management across all relevant Council departments to ensure efficient and effective removal and reporting of graffiti.

Managers and supervisors are responsible for ensuring their workers adhere to this policy.

All Council workers and the public are encouraged to promptly report public graffiti.

5. DEFINITIONS

Graffiti – means the destruction of property caused by spraying, writing, drawing, marking or otherwise applying paint or another marking substance, or scratching or etching, which has been done without the consent of the owner of the property.

Local Graffiti Removal Officer – means a person appointed as a graffiti removal officer by the Chief Executive Officer of a local government;

Manager – includes persons appointed to positions with the title, Team Manager, General Manager, Principal, Director and Chief.

Public Graffiti – means for the purposes of this policy graffiti in a public place, or graffiti in another place but only to the extent the graffiti can readily be seen from a public place

Workers – includes employees, contractors, volunteers and all others who perform work on behalf of council.

6. POLICY

This policy applies to reporting and removal of public graffiti within the City of Townsville. It applies to graffiti on Council assets, assets owned by other governmental agencies and privately owned assets.

Council will:

- Remove public graffiti in accordance with its Graffiti Management Plan;
- Appoint local graffiti removal officers to effect the removals;
- Record and report incidents of graffiti including formal reports to the Queensland Police Service and other agencies in accordance with agreements with those bodies;
- Encourage property owners to remove graffiti on private assets that is viewable from a public space. Council may enter into agreements with individuals, businesses or organisations to facilitate the removals; and
- Promote preventative graffiti strategies.

Where appropriate to do so under the *Summary Offences (Graffiti Removal Powers) Amendment Act 2008*, Council may remove graffiti from property owned by someone other than a state or local government when an agreement cannot be reached.

7. LEGAL PARAMETERS

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

Summary Offences Act 2005

Work Health and Safety Act 2011

Environmental Protection Act 1994

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Townsville City Council Graffiti Management Plan

Queensland Police Services Report Form

Application for Authorised Persons Card Form

Instrument of Appointment Form

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Street Art Activation Framework

Australian Graffiti Register (AUSGR) User Manual

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