



Our Vision

Nambucca Valley ~ Living at its best

Our Mission Statement

'The Nambucca Valley will value and protect its natural environment, maintain its assets and infrastructure and develop opportunities for its people.'

1.0 Policy objective

Nambucca Valley is predominantly a rural Valley and much of its local economy is built on the strength and viability of the many rural and agricultural industries operating in the Valley. On this basis this Policy outlines Council's position on the "right to farm" and the many issues associated with farming that may be impinged upon by urban expansion or expectations.

2.0 Related legislation

The Protection of the Environment Operations Act (PoEO act) provides the legislative framework within which all activities with regard to noise, smell, odour, pollution etc must comply however.

3.0 Policy statement

When conflict arises between landowners undertaking genuine agricultural pursuits and non agricultural landowners/occupiers, Council's position on the "right to farm" as outlined as follows shall be considered when dealing with issues and passed onto complainants:

- 1 Nambucca Valley Council supports the right of persons to carry out legitimate and compliant rural and agricultural uses and practices on rural land.
- 2 Nambucca Valley Council will not support any action to interfere with the legitimate rural and agricultural use of land where the activity is in accordance with relevant legislation.
- 3 When an inquiry is made by an intending rural land purchaser, the purchaser is advised that legitimate rural and agricultural uses of land may include:
 - Logging and milling of timber
 - Livestock feed lots
 - Piggeries/Poultry Farming
 - Dairies
 - Intensive livestock waste disposal systems and ponds
 - Clearing and cultivation of land
 - Bushfire hazard reduction burning
 - Construction of firebreaks

- Construction of dams, drains and contour banks
- Fencing
- Use of agricultural machinery (tractors, chainsaws, motor- bikes, etc)
- Pumping and irrigation
- Weedicide spraying
- Pesticide spraying
- Aerial spraying
- Animal husbandry practices (castration, dehorning, etc)
- Driving livestock on roads
- Silage production
- Construction of access roads and tracks
- Slashing and mowing vegetation
- Planting of woodlots
- Extractive Industries
- Dehusking macadamia nuts
- Stockyards
- Traffic on unsealed rural roads

Such rural activities are likely to cause nuisance in respect of noise, smell, odours, dust, spray emissions, smoke, vibration, blasting, etc during all hours including early mornings and late evenings.

Intending purchasers of rural land who consider they may have difficulty in living with the above practices being carried out on adjacent or nearby land should seriously consider their position.

4.0 History

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