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| Applicable Legislation: | <i>Sections 236 and 237 of the Local Government Act 1999</i> |
| Relevant Policies: | |
| Related Procedures: | |
| Delegations: | |

Purpose

This policy aims to ensure Council keeps the streets clear of vehicles that present a danger to residents, are unregistered, unsafe and that are deemed to be abandoned.

Principles

Council Officers are authorised under sections 236 and 237 of the Local Government Act 1999 to impound vehicles that have been left on a road within the Council area in excess of 24 hours and are therefore deemed as abandoned.

Policy

Vehicles cannot be left on a public road or public places in excess of 24 hours. Most vehicles left on a public road in excess of 24 hours are usually in such a state as to be unroadworthy, and where they are dumped will compromise road and public safety.

Council staff when contacted by the Police or public will attempt to notify the owner of the vehicle and if the vehicle is not removed after a minimum 24 hour period, Council will remove the vehicle and impound it. Vehicles that have been impounded are held by Council until collected by the owner. Council can sell or dispose of any unclaimed vehicle after a period of 21 days

Please note that fees for towing, registration searches, advertising, administration and storage may be incurred for impounded vehicles. Any fees and charges will be listed in Council's Fees and Charges Register, which is available for viewing at www.berribarmera.sa.gov.au

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