



## **MEDIA RELEASE SHIRE OF COLLIE**

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### **Unsightly and Untidy Sites - Disused Vehicles**

The Shire of Collie has introduced a new policy to manage disused vehicles stored on private property, while still allowing for the restoration of vehicles and the limited retention of vehicles for parts.

While the policy does not introduce any new requirements, it does clarify the 5 Acts and Regulations which apply to vehicles stored on private land. It provides a consistent standard across the Shire and gives confidence to landowners about the suitable storage of vehicles on their properties.

Disused vehicles can negatively affect the property and surrounding properties. Problems can include:

- Unsightly properties
- Loss of property value
- Potential for rodents
- Land contamination
- Fire risk and fire spread
- Unauthorised wrecking activity

The Shire is actively seeking to prevent these impacts within the community and values the community support for the work undertaken to date. The Vehicles Stored on Private Property Policy states the following:

1. Suitably stored vehicles on private property must not be:
  - Visible from the road - to stop the site from being unsightly;
  - Stored outdoors for a period of more than 6 months - to reduce potential for harbouring of rodents and prevent land contamination. Six months will allow any required parts to be removed from the vehicle.
  - Within 5m of a house and 2m of a boundary - to minimise the fire risk and provide sufficient area to control any fire
2. Abandoned vehicles (which do not have a current or intended use) are prohibited.
3. Vehicles and/or parts must not be available for sale unless from an authorised wrecker.

Disused vehicles are a focus of the Shire and residents are encouraged to ensure that any disused vehicles on private property are either removed or comply with the above.

The full Vehicles Stored on Private Property Policy (DS 4.7) can be found on the Shire's website, [collie.wa.gov.au](http://collie.wa.gov.au) – Development Services Policy Manual. If you have any questions regarding this policy, or wish to report vehicles in contravention of this policy please call 9734 9000 or email [colshire@collie.wa.gov.au](mailto:colshire@collie.wa.gov.au)

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