

Abandoned Vehicles

Fact Sheet



ABANDONED VEHICLES

Abandoned Vehicles are unsightly and dangerous, and can encourage vandalism and arson endangering property, lives and the environment.

Council will work quickly to remove abandoned vehicles that have been reported or been sighted.

Any registered or unregistered vehicle, trailer, caravan, horse float etc that is parked on any road or public place under the control of Council can be removed if it is considered to be abandoned or causes a safety risk to the public.

WHAT IS CONSIDERED ABANDONED?

A vehicle is deemed to be "abandoned" if;

- It has been there for a period of time; or
- It has a derelict appearance and appears to be inoperable (i.e. no wheels, vandalised); or
- The owner cannot be easily located; or
- The vehicle does not have number plates; or
- Is not currently registered

REPORTING AN ABANDONED VEHICLE

Report an abandoned vehicle by contacting Council on 1300 696 272 or email admin@northburnett.qld.gov.au.

Please have the following details available to provide to Council:-

- location of the vehicle;
- number plates;
- make, model, colour, condition;
- how long it has been there; and
- whether it creates a hazard for motorists.

WHAT ACTION DOES COUNCIL TAKE

Council's Authorised Officers will inspect the vehicle and if it is considered abandoned or a safety issue, a notice to remove an abandoned vehicle under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* will be placed on the vehicle giving owners a minimum of 24 hours to remove the vehicle or it will be towed. All impounded vehicles are transported to a secure facility for storage.

CLAIMING AN ABANDONED VEHICLE

To claim of an impounded vehicle proof of ownership must be provided. This may be by providing a copy of registration papers, sale documents or other suitable documentation.

Owners will be required to pay all costs associated with the towing and storage of the vehicle. Costs will be assessed on application and will include an administration charge in addition as well as any other costs accrued while abandoned.

UNCLAIMED ABANDONED VEHICLES

Vehicles are advertised in the public notice section of the local newspapers and on Council's website. If unclaimed a further public notice may be placed in the local newspapers advertising a public tender date should the vehicle be suitable for tender. The vehicles will be sold unregistered in their current condition. Council offers no warranties and accepts no responsibility for the condition of the vehicles.

WHAT IF THE VEHICLE IS REGISTERED?

If the vehicle is still registered, Council will only take action where the vehicle is parked in a position that creates a hazard for motorists or shows signs of being abandoned.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I BREAKDOWN?

Contact Council with a location and an estimated timeframe of removal of the vehicle. A copy of the Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995 is available at www.legislation.qld.gov.au.

For more information, contact Council on 1300 696 272 or visit www.northburnett.qld.gov.au



ABANDONED VEHICLE NOTICE
IF THIS VEHICLE IS NOT REMOVED IT WILL BE DEEMED ABANDONED AND TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Year _____ Make _____ Colour _____ Model _____
Licence No. _____ V/No. _____

This Notice affixed on _____ at _____
This vehicle may be taken into custody and stored at the owners expense or scrapped if not removed by _____ at _____

This vehicle is located on **PRIVATE PROPERTY**. If the vehicle is not removed or repaired by the date and time specified above, it shall be impounded. You may be liable a service fee and charged for storage.

This vehicle is located on **PUBLIC PROPERTY**. If the vehicle is not removed from public property by the date and time specified above it shall be impounded.

Inspector _____ Phone _____ Complaint # _____
Officer _____ Phone _____ Incident # _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS MATTER, CALL THE NUMBER NOTED ABOVE

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Abandoned Vehicle Impoundment Notice
Abandoned Vehicle Notice Sticker

Doc ID 930454
Doc ID 925706