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Relevant Policies:	*N/A*
Related Procedures:	*This policy is not subject to public consultation*
Delegations:	*Berri Barmera Council Delegations Register*

1. Purpose

Council Officers are licenced under the Firearms Act 2015 to use firearms in the course of their duties. Firearms are used by Authorised Officers for the purpose of destruction of animals.

2. Definitions

Council	Berri Barmera Council
Firearm	Any type of gun designed to be readily carried and used by an individual

3. Principles

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear guidelines on the use, possession, transportation and storage of firearms and aims to ensure Council use and store firearms in accordance with Legislative requirements.

4. Policy Statement

Firearms are kept, stored, transported and used in accordance with requirements of the Firearms Act 2015.

Authorised Officers may use firearms as part of their duties for the destruction of feral, sick or injured animals as required, and in accordance with requirements or best practice set through

legislation or codes of practice. Authorised Officers are licenced and trained for the use of firearms and will be the only staff allowed to be in possession of and use a Council firearm as per legislative requirements.

5.   Confidentiality

Any information provided will be treated as strictly confidential. Information provided to the Council's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) will be securely retained within Council's records.

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