

Voluntary Purchase Policy

1 Document Information

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2 Summary

Outlines Council's Voluntary Purchase Scheme for Eugowra and Molong together with a maintenance program for land acquired in Eugowra.

3 Approvals

Title	Date Approved	Signature
Director of Engineering & Technical Services		

4 History

Minute No.	Summary of Changes	New Version Date
	Combined "Voluntary Purchase Scheme – Eugowra Policy" with "Voluntary purchase - Land Maintenance Policy" and enhanced with Molong purchases.	
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5 Reason

To provide a clear and transparent process for voluntary purchase of flood affected properties in Eugowra and Molong and maintenance of said land at Eugowra.

6 Scope

The policy covers only flood affected residential properties in Eugowra and Molong. Maintenance is limited to slashing or mowing of the land at Eugowra.

7 Associated Legislation

8 Definitions

9 Responsibilities

9.1 General Manager

The General Manager is responsible for the overall control and implementation of the policy.

9.2 Directors and Managers

Directors and Managers are responsible for the control of the policy and procedures within their area of responsibility.

9.3 Urban Assets Coordinator

The Urban Assets Coordinator will receive applications for Voluntary Purchase and report same to Council for consideration in keeping with policy under the directions of the Manager of Technical Services.

9.4 Supervisors

The Operations Overseer to arrange for slashing or mowing to be done.

9.5 Employees

The Town maintenance employees are to carry out the directions of the Operations Overseer.

10 Related Documents

Document Name	Document Location
Eugowra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2010)	
Molong Floodplain Risk Management Study (2011)	

11 Policy Statement

Only properties identified as eligible for voluntary purchase in Council's adopted Eugowra Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan (2010) and the Molong Floodplain Risk Management Study (2011) will be purchased.

Voluntary purchase can only proceed when State / Commonwealth funding is available and Council has budgeted for its share of the costs.

Council will only purchase one voluntary property per year, preferably alternating purchases between Eugowra and Molong.

Land purchased is to be classified as Operational Land.

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Council's preference in Eugowra is for owners of voluntarily purchased properties to relocate within Eugowra.

All properties in Eugowra being considered for voluntary purchase by Council are to be first considered by the Eugowra Floodplain Consultative Committee (EFCC). The EFCC will take into consideration in its recommendation to Council the availability and cost of suitable replacement housing in Eugowra and any compelling reasons why the seller cannot relocate in Eugowra, for instance, health, age or financial issues.

Council will only purchase eligible properties from willing owners.

Applications for voluntary purchase to be considered need to be received by 31st January each year to be eligible for purchase and demolition in the current financial year.

Should more than one request for voluntary purchase in Eugowra be received in the same financial year the EFCC will recommend priority.

Land acquired in Eugowra as a result of voluntary purchases is to be slashed or mowed a minimum of four times per year.