

Policy title:	Fire Safety of Buildings
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Objective:	To improve the level of fire safety afforded to occupiers of buildings within the City.
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1. Introduction

This Policy sets out Lismore City Council's position relating to the exercise of administering the provisions of NSW legislation relating to maintaining and improving standards for fire safety in existing buildings to give the community confidence that Lismore City Council takes its obligations seriously in terms of fire safety compliance.

2. Objectives

The Objectives of this Policy are to ensure an appropriate level of fire safety compliance in all buildings within the Lismore City Council area:

- a) to protect life safety;
- b) to prevent injury and death;
- c) to minimise the loss of property and damage caused by fire;
- d) to prevent and suppress fire;
- e) to prevent the spread of fire;
- f) to promote the safety of persons in the event of fire; and
- g) to ensure the maintenance of essential fire safety measures is carried out and the use of a premises does not constitute a fire hazard.

3. Policy Statement

Lismore City Council is committed to:

- a) ensuring building owners of Class 1b to 9 buildings under the Building Code of Australia located within the Lismore Local Government Area, are aware of and meet their fire safety obligations as governed under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979* and *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation, 2000*;
- b) fulfilling its statutory obligations to the community and be proactive in terms of fire safety and follow up complaints about non-compliance in a timely manner;

- c) co-operating with the NSW Fire Brigades and NSW Rural Fire Service in carrying out fire safety inspections in a timely manner where required; and
- d) implementing a fire safety program with resources and systems to track and ensure reasonable compliance in terms of annual fire safety statements, general building fire safety matters and ensure existing and proposed buildings are upgraded to provide a reasonable level of fire safety.

4. Procedural Guidelines

The Procedural Guidelines provides operational detail on the resources required to:

- a) To manage Council's fire safety obligations in an efficient and effective manner that has proper regard to the level of resources allocated to this task;
- b) To establish criteria for the fire safety upgrading of buildings within the Lismore City local government area;

