

<b>Policy title</b>	Copper Chrome Arsenate (CCA) Management
<b>Responsible manager(s)</b>	Director Infrastructure Services
<b>Contact officer(s)</b>	Divisional Manager Works
<b>Directorate</b>	Infrastructure Services
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<b>Focus area</b>	<i>Liveable Communities</i> Objective 2.2: Shared responsibility for community safety
<b>Delivery Program link</b>	<i>Community Spaces</i> L5.2 Manage and maintain a safe, sustainable and accessible range of community spaces
<b>Operational Plan link</b>	<i>Community Spaces</i> L5.2.1 Undertake maintenance program

### Purpose

Eurobodalla Shire Council's policy was developed to ensure that the future use of Copper Chrome Arsenate (CCA) treated timber in new structures is limited to those applications specifically approved by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA).

Legislative requirements and community expectations in relation to the use of Copper Chrome Arsenate (CCA) treated timber products changed following an inquiry by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) in 2005 into the re-registration of CCA as an approved pesticide.

To further tighten the use of CCA for treating timber new restrictions were put in place from 1 July 2012, and CCA has now been declared a restricted chemical product by the APVMA.

CCA is not approved for use in garden furniture, picnic tables, exterior seating, children's play equipment, patio and domestic decking, and handrails.

CAA treated timber products remain approved for use in structural situations such as piling and other structure foundations, residential construction, industrial and commercial construction, rural and farm use, fencing, poles, landscaping timbers, fresh and salt water structures, signage, and boat construction.

### Policy aims

- Promote an integrated framework for dealing with CCA products
- Ensure consistency in the manner in which the Council deals with CCA products
- Ensure compliance with legislative requirements under the *Agriculture & Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992*
- Promote awareness of the requirements of the Act with respect to the use of CCA
- Take such steps as are appropriate to ensure the safe removal of CCA products such as playground equipment and picnic tables and to dispose of them at licenced landfill sites
- Make Council's policies and requirements for CCA readily accessible and understandable to the public.

**Policy details**

<b>1</b>	<b>Application</b> The approved use of CCA to treat timber to be used in structures has been restricted by commonwealth legislation to situations where human contact, and particularly contact by children, is not likely to be on a frequent and intimate basis.
<b>2</b>	<b>Legislation</b> Eurobodalla Shire Council will comply with the <i>Agriculture &amp; Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992</i> .

**Implementation**

Requirements	Responsibility
<b>1</b> Council acknowledges that timber products containing CCA are broadly spread throughout the community, however the future use of CCA treated timber in new structures must be limited to those applications specifically approved by the APVMA in the product registration report dated March 2005.	Council
<b>2</b> The ongoing use and retention of existing structures using CCA treated timber is not affected by recent legislative changes, however Council supports the progressive demolition and removal of CCA treated timber products in situations where CCA products are no longer approved for use.	Council
<b>3</b> Council encourages private and commercial owners of CCA treated products used in situations such as garden furniture, picnic tables, exterior seating, children's play equipment, patio and domestic decking and handrails, which are no longer an approved use for CCA products, to consider replacing such items or otherwise isolating such items from direct contact with humans, and particularly children.	Council
<b>4</b> Council acknowledges that the future use of CCA treated products in Council infrastructure projects consistent with APVMA approved uses may be warranted to ensure that the life cycle and structural integrity of projects is achieved at a cost affordable to the community. Each infrastructure project proposed by Council will be assessed for material selection on a merit basis, recognising a preference for materials with a low potential toxicity.	Council
<b>5</b> Council supports the reuse of CCA treated timber from demolished structures in situations or structures that comply with the approved uses for CCA as specified by the APVMA 2005 registration for CCA.	Council
<b>6</b> <b>Staff</b> Under supervision, relevant Council staff will be responsible for ensuring that this Policy is implemented within their work area once appropriate training has been received.	Council officers
<b>7</b> <b>Concerns</b> Public concerns communicated to Council in relation to this Policy will be recorded on Council's records system and handled in accordance with Council's Customer Service or Complaints Policy. These records will be used to determine any follow-up actions and analyse the history of reported public concerns.	Council officers

<b>8</b>	<p><b>Consultation</b></p> <p>Any consultation deemed necessary will occur as required with key stakeholders, which may include (but not be limited to) the community, other agencies, statutory and industry bodies. Public submissions regarding this Policy are invited for consideration during the exhibition period.</p>	As applicable
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### Review

The Policy will be automatically revoked at the expiration of twelve months after the declaration of the poll for the next general NSW Local Government election, unless Council revokes it sooner.

**Note:** Automatic revocation of the Policy is provided for by Section 165(4) of the Local Government Act 1993. The next general local government election is expected to be held in September 2020.

This Policy may also be reviewed and updated as necessary if legislation requires it; or when Council's functions, structure or activities change; or when technological advances or new systems change the way that Council manages Copper Chrome Arsenate treated timber products.

Reviews of the effectiveness of this Policy could include the following:

Performance indicator	Data source(s)
Delivery Program/Operational Plan outcomes achieved	Council reporting
Concerns or complaints registered	Council records
Customer feedback, survey responses	Surveys
Internal or external audit	Audit

### Governance

This Policy should be read in conjunction with any related legislation, codes of practice, relevant internal policies and guidelines.

#### Related legislation and policies

Name	Link
Local Government Act 1993	<a href="http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30">www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/#/view/act/1993/30</a>
Agriculture & Veterinary Chemicals (Administration) Act 1992	<a href="http://www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A04553">www.legislation.gov.au/Series/C2004A04553</a>

#### Related external references

Name	Link
Office of Local Government	<a href="http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au">www.olg.nsw.gov.au</a>
Australian Pesticides & Veterinary Medicines Authority's New restrictions in place for arsenic-treated timber	<a href="http://apvma.gov.au/node/11751">http://apvma.gov.au/node/11751</a>

*Change history*

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2	23 Jul 2013	Council	13/172	E13.7095	Updated Policy Template, updated review date, updated references and links – report O13/112
3	11 Apr 2017	Council	17/99	E16.0297	Reviewed and updated at start of new Council term

*Internal use*

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