

COUNCIL POLICY EN308

GRAFFITI ERADICATION

KEY FOCUS AREA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Purpose

This policy establishes the principles for the removal of graffiti from properties in the Town of Claremont visible from the public domain.

Statement

Unsightly graffiti is a concern within the community. The Town commits to creating an attractive environment and a strong sense of neighbourhood pride by preserving a graffiti-free environment.

The Town will contribute to the prevention of graffiti by providing data to the Office of Crime Prevention's Goodbye Graffiti initiative to assist with the identification and prosecution of offenders. All graffiti must be reported to the police by contacting the State Graffiti Hotline and obtaining a police report number.

Policy

Town of Claremont Buildings or Infrastructure

On graffiti being reported by members of the public or sighted by Town staff

- Where such graffiti is offensive and contains explicit political, sexual, religious or racial themes, the graffiti shall be removed within 24 hours of being reported
- All other graffiti is to be removed within ten working days

Private Property

The Town will endeavor to remove graffiti from private property which is visible from the public realm.

Where such graffiti is offensive and contains explicit political, sexual, religious or racial themes, the graffiti shall be removed within 48 hours of the graffiti being reported, by means of

- Gaining access with the approval of the owner or occupier – where practicable in writing
- Gaining access to the property in terms of the access requirements stipulated in the Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016;
- Ensuring that all Work Health and Safety (WHS) measures are taken and WHS requirements are met.

Where graffiti is unsightly but non-offensive, the removal of such graffiti by the Town within ten working days will be considered and may be dependent on;

- Visibility of the graffiti from a public thoroughfare and negatively impacting on the amenity of an area
- Gaining access with the approval of the owner or occupier – where practicable in writing
- Gaining access to the property in terms of the access requirements stipulated in the Graffiti Vandalism Act 2016;
- Ensuring that all WHS measures are taken and WHS requirements are met.

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