

Television and Film Production Policy 2021

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1. INTENT

Narrandera Shire Council welcomes the use of its public areas for television and film production shoots. It is important that production companies understand that Council has a role in maintaining community interests and safety, and environmental, cultural and heritage protection. This policy has been developed to assist both the film companies and local people when film shoots are to be undertaken.

2. SCOPE

- This policy applies to locations on Council owned or controlled land within Narrandera Shire.
- Approval from a local council is not required for filming and associated activity which takes place entirely on private land. Filmmakers need to seek agreement from owners to film on private land such as homes and business premises.
- Filming that complies with the development standards set by NSW State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Code) 2008 does not require the prior approval of Narrandera Shire Council

3. OBJECTIVE

To provide Council with a framework for understanding approvals and services to be provided to assist in location filming production under the NSW Local Government Filming Protocol and to provide film production companies with an understanding of the procedures they must follow for film shoots to take place.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

It is NSW Government policy that State agencies provide the highest possible level of cooperation with film makers. It is understood that the NSW Local Government Filming Protocol is binding on local councils, and that councils are expected to grant approvals and, where appropriate, any necessary lease or licence over Council owned or Council controlled land for filming, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

5. PROVISIONS

5.1 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

Council, when in receipt of an application for a film and television shoot, will have regard to the following principles:

- Compliance with the NSW Local Government Filming Protocol and related Legislative Acts
- Community interests and safety
- Protection of public assets
- Environmental, cultural and heritage protection
- Recognition and benefits to Narrandera
- Compliance with insurance requirements
- Compliance with traffic management requirements
- Fees, if applicable, will be considered in line with the NSW Department of Local Government filming protocol.

6. DEFINITIONS

- **NSC:** Narrandera Shire Council

7. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council's designated Film Contact Officer is the Economic Development Manager.

8. RELATED LEGISLATION

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Code) 2008

9. RELATED POLICIES AND DOCUMENTS

- NSW Local Government Filming Protocol 2009

10. VARIATION

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy in accordance with legislation, regulation and award changes, where applicable. Council may also make changes to this policy and the relevant procedures from time-to-time to improve the effectiveness of its operation.

11. PREVIOUS VERSIONS

Reference to a superseded policy number and/or name is also considered a reference to the new policy number. This policy was previously named:

- ES180 Television and Film Production Shoots

POLICY HISTORY

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