



OLIVE GROVE GUIDELINES

An application for a change in the use of land to horticultural use (olive growing) requires a Development Application to be lodged, and Development Approval to be granted by Council in accordance with the Development Act, 1993. The concept of a change in the use of land includes the conversion of a previous or existing land use (not related to horticulture or olive growing) to commercial olive growing.

To assist Council in assessing commercial olive growing applications, the following information may be required by Council:

- A completed Development Application Form and payment of relevant assessment fees;
- A copy of the Certificate of Title for the subject land;
- A detailed site plan (to an appropriate scale) showing the location of existing buildings/structures on the site, north point, access, existing native vegetation, bores/dams/creeks/waterways, contours and the area/rows for proposed planting. A coloured aerial photograph of the site may assist (purchased from Mapland, Ph:82264946);
- Proposed tree and row spacing distances and the approximate number of trees to be planted;
- The types of trees intended to be planted and the expected fruit size (certain species are infertile and also have a larger fruit, thereby reducing the risk of spreading feral olives);
- A description outlining:
 - Harvest times and the fruit removal process;
 - Fox/emu/bird control methods and operation proposed to be adopted to minimise the spread of feral olives;
 - Proposed method of dealing with abandoned olives;
- A property management plan indicating:
 - The types of chemicals to be used, frequency and the method of application, including the likely distance and area/direction of spray drift;
 - The type of pasture or ground cover to be established between the olive rows in order to prevent soil erosion, (nominate the approximate mature height and type);
- Detail of significant earthworks that will change the natural contours of the land (a soil erosion and drainage management plan may also be required);
- Designate the location and width of any proposed native vegetation buffer on the property to:
 - Avoid the spread of olives from the site by birds;
 - Protect watercourses by reducing the potential for erosion;
 - Create wind breaks;
- Provide details of any native vegetation clearance if proposed to be undertaken and indicate if an application has been lodged and approved with the Native Vegetation Council;
- Indicate and provide copies of relevant approvals for the source and volume of water intended for the orchard and fire fighting purposes;
- Detail fire risk management measures to be adopted i.e. fire break buffers, fire truck access and turning circles available etc.;
- Indicate the olive planting distance from the edge of any significant stands of remnant native vegetation (i.e. Conservation/National Parks, heritage listed remnant native vegetation etc.) in the surrounding region.
- Provision of a risk assessment addressing the potential spread of feral olives based on the

paper “Risk Assessment and Management of Olives” prepared by the Animal and Plant control Commission. It would be appreciated if you could provide a copy of your findings to the Fleurieu Animal and Plant Control Board (PO Box 781, Willunga, 5172) and to the Council with your application. Further assistance may be obtained by contacting the Fleurieu Animal and Plant Control Board on ph: 8556 4500 or fax: 8556 4499.

NOTES

1. Prospective olive growers should acknowledge and adopt continual management techniques to prevent the spread of feral olive growth and abide by a low risk code of practice in accordance with the paper “Risk Assessment and Management of Olives.”
2. A final Development Approval *potentially* obtained for olive growing does not provide authorisation to process olives at a later date. The processing of olives (activities undertaken for oil processing and table olive production) requires a separate Development Application and decision.
3. If a development application for olive growing is approved, you will be encouraged to refer to any expert advice provided by the Country Fire Service as a guide to prudent bushfire management practices.
4. Informal referrals for comment/advice on your development application would be sought by Council to Primary Industries SA (PIRSA), the Country Fire Service (CFS), the Native Vegetation Council and local National Parks and Wildlife Service (NP&WS)

The above information is advisory and a guide only to give you a general understanding of the key points associated with the development assessment system. It is recommended that you seek professional advice or contact the City of Victor Harbor regarding any specific inquiries or for further assistance concerning the use and development of land.

Being properly prepared can save you time and money in the long run.

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