

Maintenance

Overgrown Properties



What constitutes an overgrown property?

An overgrown property may be vacant, residential or commercial land which, in the opinion of an authorised Council Officer, may be:

- Likely to be a breeding place or harbourage for vermin because of grass, weeds, plants or other vegetable growth in large quantities
- A fire hazard

What do I do if I have a concern?

If you have a concern please contact Mackay Regional Council on 1300 MACKAY to lodge a customer request.

Your name and address and phone number will be required together with the location of the overgrown property. Personal details are confidential and will not be divulged under any circumstances.

What action does Council take?

A Council officer will conduct an inspection to determine if the property is overgrown (see above). If the officer deems the property to be overgrown, a Notice may be served on the owner or occupier. This notice will require the owner or occupier to carry out works to clear and remove the vegetation to Council's satisfaction.

What happens in the event of non-compliance?

If the owner or occupier does not clear the land within the time frame specified on the Notice, a Council contractor may be commissioned to enter the property and complete the work. Cost incurred by Council in completing these works, plus additional service and administration charges will be invoiced to the property owner. Furthermore, Council may issue a Penalty Infringement Notice.

What happens if I receive a Notice?

If you receive a Notice, you will be required to carry out all work within the time specified in the Notice. You can contact the officer who inspected your property and advise them on your proposed course of action.

For further information, please contact Mackay Regional Council.

Phone 1300 MACKAY (1300 622 529) or visit www.mackay.qld.gov.au