

## POLICY NO LG52 COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR DESTROYED DWELLINGS

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Corporate Services
<b>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:</b>	Manager Corporate Services
<b>LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:</b>	Minimise the impact of disasters by improving community and Council's preparedness.
<b>STATUTORY AUTHORITY:</b>	Local Government Act 1993
<b>OBJECTIVE:</b>	The objective of this policy is to provide support for the owners of eligible buildings when these are destroyed by circumstances beyond the owners' control.
<b>POLICY INFORMATION:</b>	Adopted 17 July 2017 – Minute No. 07/17.12.5.158 Amended 16 November 2020 – Minute No 11/20.12.8.211

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this policy is to provide support for the owners of eligible buildings when these are destroyed by circumstances beyond the owners' control.

#### 2. APPLICATION

The owner of a dwelling that has been destroyed must apply in writing to the General Manager for support under this policy.

Application must be made within twelve (12) months of the event resulting in the destruction of the dwelling.

Every application must declare any significant assistance applied for/received from other sources (eg Flooding Recovery/Relief Assistance; Bushfire Recovery/Relief Assistance. Applicants in receipt of significant support from alternative sources may have their applications rejected or referred to Council for a decision.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY

This policy applies to owners of a dwelling, where that dwelling has become unliveable due a sudden and unexpected event and where no fault is attributable to the owner. The dwelling must be within the Break O'Day Municipality.

#### 4. SUPPORT

Council will provide support in the form of remission of rates (in full including general rates and all charges) for the financial year in which the event occurred.

No other form of support will be considered, including, but not limited to, waiving of planning or building fees and/or waiving of waste disposal fees.

## **5. MONITORING AND REVIEW**

This Policy will be reviewed every three (3) years in line with the Council's Policy Framework or earlier in the event of major changes to legislation or related policies, procedures or if deemed necessary by the General Manager.