

GUIDELINES FOR VEHICLES ABANDONED ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

1. Council has no authority to remove or impound vehicles left on private property. Owners of such property do have some common law rights in respect of such matters and should be given the following general advice. It should be noted however that this information is provided as a guide only. Before taking any action, property owners should seek advice from a qualified legal practitioner.
2. If possible, ascertain the vehicle's registration, chassis and VIN number.
3. Contact Vicroads, either by personal visit or letter, to obtain registered owner's contact details.
4. Having obtained details, write to that person, advising them that unless the vehicle is collected, you will remove and dispose of it fourteen days after the date of the letter.
5. If the owners' details cannot be obtained, place a Notice in your local newspaper advising that the vehicle has been left on your property without permission and that you intend to remove and dispose of it fourteen days after the date of the Notice, if the owner does not remove it.
6. After the period has elapsed dispose of the vehicle. Be sure to keep clear records of the method of disposal, including the name and address of the person you disposed of it to and any costs/profits associated.