



## **CONDITIONS OF PERMIT FOR FIREWOOD COLLECTION ON A ROAD RESERVE**

### **1. GENERAL**

- a)** No collection will be permitted from roadsides that are considered to be of special significance or of high conservation value.
- b)** Some roads or sections of roads may be considered as having too high a risk to the safety of road users to allow firewood collection in which case permits will not be granted.
- c)** This Permit is only valid for a period of four weeks from the date of approval and collection may only occur on the designated roadside.

### **2. COLLECTION**

- a)** Firewood obtained under this Permit shall be for the personal domestic use of the Permit holder and shall not be resold.
- b)** No work is to be undertaken outside of daylight hours.
- c)** Firewood collection is not permitted on 'Total Fire Ban' days.
- d)** Firewood collection is not permitted during periods of high rainfall when roadsides may be wet under foot.
- e)** No standing trees or other standing vegetation shall be damaged, felled or removed regardless of whether the tree or other vegetation is alive or dead.
- f)** Only methods that have minimal impact on the surrounding vegetation may be used to collect firewood.
- g)** The use of heavy machinery (wheeled tractors, dozers, front-end loaders, swing saws, saw benches) is not permitted.
- h)** The Permit holder must take all reasonable steps to ensure that their activities do not cause the spread of weeds by keeping their equipment, trailer and vehicle etc; clean, free of mud, waste and weed material.
- i)** The Permit holder is responsible for the removal of any debris and/or litter resulting from the firewood collection activity.
- j)** The Permit holder, and any persons collecting firewood under this permit, must wear appropriate clothing to ensure they are clearly visible to any oncoming traffic.

### **3. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

- a)** It is the responsibility of the licensed driver to observe all Victorian road rules.
- b)** Inconvenience to traffic shall be kept to a minimum and the Permit holder will be held responsible for the safety of traffic.
- c)** No vehicle used for the collection of firewood shall be permitted to be parked on the through traffic lanes of shoulders (i.e. vehicles shall only be parked clear of the road formation) and egress/ingress from the road formation shall not be permitted adjacent to barrier lines.
- d)** Vehicles are not permitted to travel off of the road formation other than at the point of collection.
- e)** It is the responsibility of the Permit holder to ensure all loads are secured.

### **4. CONDUCT**

- a)** This Permit is not transferrable.
- b)** The Permit holder shall carry this Permit at all times whilst collecting firewood under this Permit and firewood must be transported in the nominated vehicle/trailer that appears on the Permit.
- c)** The Permit holder must present this permit when requested by an Authorised Officer.

### **5. SAFETY AND LEGAL**

- a)** The Permit holder accepts that they are the sole parties responsible for any damages or claims arising out of their activities and that the Alpine Shire Council will not be held liable under any circumstances.
- b)** The repair of any damage caused to the surrounding vegetation or Council assets by the collection of firewood will be at the cost of the Permit holder.
- c)** A chainsaw operator must be competent in its use, wear appropriate safety clothing, avoid working alone and have a first aid kit available.
- d)** Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in the cancellation of this Permit.