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### OBJECTIVE

1.1 To lead the community towards a safer and healthier smoke-free environment.

### POLICY

2.1 Council will declare smoke-free zones in the following areas:

#### **Playgrounds**

1. Within 10 metres of all children's play areas and facilities for the use of children.

#### **Aquatic Facilities**

1. No-smoking be permitted within the grounds of the Cessnock and Branxton Pools and the Kurri Kurri Aquatic Centre.

For the purpose of this policy smoking means smoking, holding or otherwise having control over an ignited smoking product. Smoking product includes any tobacco or other

product that is intended to be smoked.

- 2.2 Council will undertake, on its own account or in conjunction with State and Commonwealth Health authorities, education campaigns on this issue for the benefit of residents and visitors.
- 2.3 Council will erect and maintain suitable signage prohibiting smoking at all relevant locations in order to:
  1. educate and warn persons of the prohibition
  2. enforce the prohibition.
- 2.4 Under the NSW Local Government Act 1993 Council has the power to erect suitably worded and strategically placed notices in "public places" (such places including but not limited to public reserves, Crown reserves, public bathing reserves, public swimming pools, public parks and roads) within the Local Government Area prohibiting smoking under s.632 (1) and (2)(e) of the Act. In line with the Act penalties can be applied to persons breaching the no smoking policies.

Under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 (s.7) a person who smokes in a smoke-free area can be fined.