

Information of Interest to all Residents

Penalty Infringement Notices

Under the Local Government Act, Blackall Tambo Regional Council has the authority to make and enforce local laws. Council is also responsible for enforcing some state government legislated laws.

The local laws include: parking regulations; natural assets (e.g. overgrown land and noxious weeds); animal management; abandoned vehicles; neighbourhood nuisances (e.g. noise, illegal dumping and smoke); camping; health, safety and amenity (e.g. graffiti, abandoned trolleys, community newspapers and junk mail); signage; food hygiene; footpath dining; illegal use of premises; and littering and refuse control.

The Queensland and Commonwealth governments also have significant legislation that has been delegated to Council. Enforcement actions depend on the degree of non-compliance.

State Penalties Enforcement Registry

The State Penalties Enforcement Registry (SPER) is a division of the Office of State Revenue within Queensland Treasury and Trade.

Under the State Penalties Enforcement Act 1999, SPER's are responsible for the collection and enforcement of unpaid infringement notice fines in line with the Debt Collection Process on the reverse side of this document.

No matter what stage of the process you are at, you still have options available to you.

Issuing of fines and orders

Your debt starts off as an unpaid infringement notice. If you don't pay, it may be registered with SPER's.

Warning issued

Once your debt is registered with SPER's, you will be issued with an enforcement order, and a registration fee will be added to all infringement notice fines. You will have a due date by which to pay or take other action.

If you don't act, your debt may escalate to the next level and enforcement actions may be taken.

Enforcement action

If you don't act on your enforcement order, SPER's can:

- suspend your driver licence
- direct your employer or financial institution to deduct funds from your pay or bank account
- register an interest over your property
- immobilise your vehicle
- seize and sell your property.

Arrest and imprisonment

You will be given one final chance to act on your debt.

Otherwise SPER's can issue a warrant for your arrest and imprisonment.