TOWN PLANNING SCHEME POLICY NO. 6

GUIDELINES FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF VINEYARDS WITHIN SPECIAL RURAL ZONES

OBJECTIVE: This policy is for use by land owners with vineyards located within appropriate Special Rural Zones (as defined in appendix 6 of TPS3) to ensure that the management of the vineyard does not have a detrimental affect on the amenity of adjoining land owners.

In general, the management of any vineyard occupying areas between 100 square metres and 1 hectare (10,000 square metres) shall be as follows:-

A) WRITTEN NOTIFICATION to all adjoining landowners of the proposal.

The notification shall include a site plan showing the proximity to all external boundaries. Copies of all correspondence shall be submitted to Council at the time of application for approval to develop a vineyard.

- B) NO HEAVY MACHINERY shall be permitted with the exception of initial soil preparation.
- C) NO USE OF RESIDUAL CHEMICALS for weed control shall be permitted as the size of the vineyards permitted within S.R. Subdivision does not constitute the need for this method of weed control.
- D) CULTIVATION shall be limited to weed control and mowing.
- E) SPRAYING OF VINES with fungicides shall be limited to chemicals approved by the Department of Agriculture and used in accordance with Department of Health Regulations. This shall include application methods and rates.
- F) NO ARTIFICIAL BIRD CONTROL such as electronic noise emitters, discharge of firearms or chemical control shall be permitted.
- G) PESTICIDE CONTROL shall be limited to chemicals approved by the Department of Agriculture and used in accordance with Department of Health Regulations. This shall include application of methods and rates.
- H) PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF ANY CHEMICALS, the landowner shall notify all adjoining landowners/occupiers at least 24 hours prior to the application of the chemical.

Adopted on 23rd June, 1998 in accordance with clause 8.2 of Town Planning Scheme No. 3