AGRICULTURAL POLICIES

The Agricultural Policies for the Shire are:

- To encourage land use and development which is environmentally and ecologically sustainable and which incorporate best management principles.
- To encourage diversification of the agricultural base and the introduction of more intensive agricultural uses.
- To support the timber industry and encourage the development of agroforestry.
- To facilitate the expansion of the wine industry in the Shire and the development of suitable land for viticulture.
- To encourage sustainable resource management and the protection of agricultural land within the Shire.
- To reduce problems or risks of salinity and land degradation through the preparation and implementation of land and water management plans at farm and sub-regional scale.
- To protect significant flora and fauna habitats and remnant native vegetation.
- To discourage rural subdivision where this is prejudicial to effective and sustainable agricultural use.
- To restrict the subdivision of high quality agricultural land.
- To encourage farm consolidation and adjustment.
- To encourage the restructuring of old and inappropriate subdivisions according to the pattern of tenements which existed as at 17 March 1997.