

COUNCIL WORKFLOW BRIEF

ILLEGAL FIREWOOD COLLECTION

Document suspected firewood theft from the first report. Keep the tree, timber, trailer and location in one case.

A practical workflow for illegal firewood collection:
public report, ranger observation, trail-camera
reference or patrol sighting, evidence capture,
imported local-law timelines, human review, actions
and reporting - connected in one auditable record.

Illegal firewood collection work needs a review-ready timeline, not scattered notes.

The hard part is not seeing the issue. It is documenting what happened clearly enough for someone else to review the decision.

Public report, ranger observation, trail-camera reference or patrol sighting can start the work, but the useful record has to hold the place, evidence, local-law timeline, review status and next action together. That is where council teams lose time today: the story exists, but it is split across photos, notes, inboxes and spreadsheets.

Aero Ranger turns that scattered story into a case path: capture the signal, attach the evidence, assign the imported rule, review the action and report the outcome.

01

Evidence has to survive review.

Photos of the felled tree, stump, cut timber, caged trailer, vehicle details, gps point and timestamp need to be linked to the same record so officers are not reconstructing the case from memory.

02

Timelines change by jurisdiction.

Relevant local laws can be imported and assigned to case timelines, including reserve boundaries, collection restrictions, permit conditions, evidence requirements and referral pathways.

03

The decision needs a visible owner.

Before inspect, preserve evidence, identify a vehicle, refer for investigation, schedule a recheck or close, managers need time, place, rule, review status and outcome without guesswork.

Current reality

Public report, ranger observation, trail-camera reference or patrol sighting arrives with uneven detail, then the team chases what is missing.

What breaks

Photos of the felled tree, stump, cut timber, caged trailer, vehicle details, gps point and timestamp are split from the local rule, officer notes and responsible reviewer.

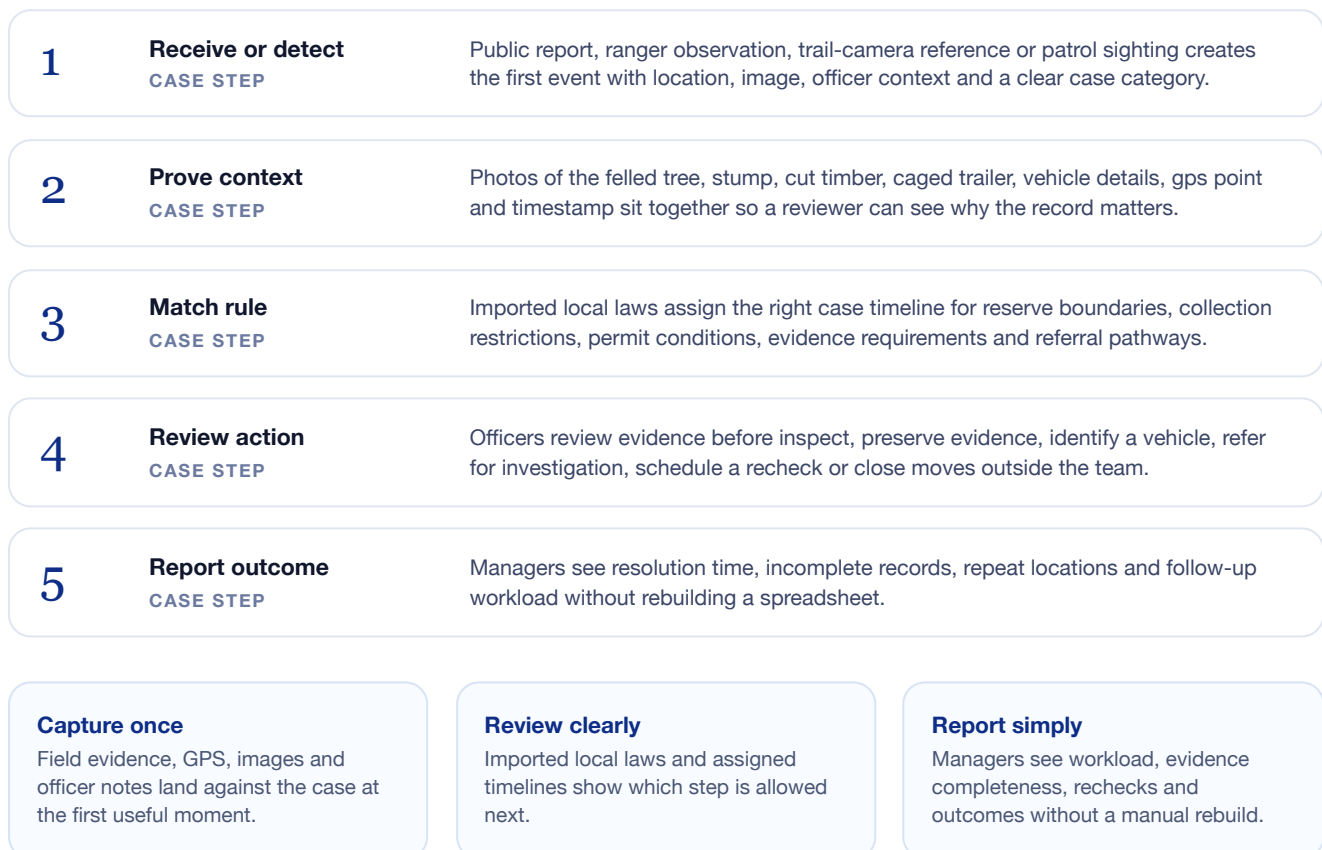
Aero Ranger shift

Cases keeps evidence, imported local-law timelines, review tasks and status history together.

Jurisdiction caveat: this workflow brief does not provide legal advice. Local laws, state legislation, notice periods, enforcement powers and privacy obligations differ. Aero Ranger supports configurable workflows and human review by authorised officers.

From first signal to review-ready case.

The goal is not to add more admin. The goal is to make the field record useful the first time: the right evidence, the right rule, the right timeline and a visible next action.



Four modules, one review-ready record.

Aero Ranger connects field capture, case review, local-law timelines and reporting so illegal firewood collection work can survive handoffs, rechecks and management review.

Field and patrol capture

Public report, ranger observation, trail-camera reference or patrol sighting create structured evidence with plate, photo, GPS, officer note and category context.

Cases review

Each record becomes a reviewable case with statuses, tasks, officer notes, responsible team, evidence and outcome history.

Local-law and timeline builder

Relevant local laws can be imported, linked to case timelines and reused across challenge workflows to drive notices, letters, legal references and escalation windows.

Intel reporting

Managers can see hotspots, repeat locations, review time, incomplete evidence, officer workload and closure outcomes.

Field capture

Live route

18

new records

6

ready for review

CASE

STATUS

IF-28416 Jarrah forest reserve	Evidence review
IF-28444 state forests	Check
IF-28483 Priority route	Hold

Structured field capture means the first record can become a case without a separate spreadsheet rebuild.

Case review queue

Supervisor

IF-28416

Evidence review

REVIEW

IF-28444

Timeline assigned

CHECK

IF-28483

Evidence incomplete

HOLD

IF-28491

Outcome ready

CLOSE

Statuses, notes and next tasks travel with the record, so handover is visible.

Management reporting

Pilot month

Checks	34
Notices	19
Resolved	23
Referred	8

MEASURE

TREND

Evidence complete	+28%
Avg. decision time	-2.1d

Pilot reporting should show workload, outcomes and decision speed in terms managers already use.

A case record your team can understand in 20 seconds.

Each illegal firewood collection record can be reviewed as a single case: evidence, place, local-law timeline, responsible officer, current decision point and next task.

IF-28416

EVIDENCE REVIEW



Photos of the felled tree, stump, cut timber, caged trailer, vehicle details, gps point and timestamp sit inside the same record as the rule, review status and next task.

First event	Mon 09:12
Evidence check	Complete
Location	Jarrah forest reserve
Rule timeline	Assigned
Review status	Evidence review
Next task	Confirm boundary and referral

MANAGER VIEW

See the officer workflow and approval point together.

The case shows field evidence, timeline status, review notes and outcome history without asking managers to reconstruct the story from separate systems.

DECISION POINT

The next action is visible before the team acts.

A supervisor can review why a case is ready for inspect, preserve evidence, identify a vehicle, refer for investigation, schedule a recheck or close and whether evidence is complete enough to proceed.

Answer the operational questions before procurement asks them.

Council teams need confidence that new workflows will respect privacy, local rules, delegated authority and appeal pathways. Aero Ranger should make the decision clearer, not hide it inside automation.

THE REASSURANCE

Control stays with authorised people.

Public report, ranger observation, trail-camera reference or patrol sighting can surface candidate cases, but the workflow keeps rule context, evidence, review status and next task visible before anything leaves the team.

Human review before action

Authorised officers review evidence, rule context and next task before action leaves the system.

Imported local-law timelines

Local laws, operating rules, notice windows and escalation paths can be imported and assigned to workflows, then reused across illegal dumping, reserve access, vehicle-of-interest checks and field inspections.

Audit trail by default

Each case keeps sightings, photos, notes, tasks, review decisions, documents and outcomes together for supervision and dispute handling.

Privacy-aware evidence

Role access, retention settings and evidence minimisation can be configured around council policy and the sensitivity of each workflow.

PROCUREMENT QUESTION	PRACTICAL ANSWER
Can we reflect our local rules?	Yes. Import relevant local laws and assign them to case timelines, templates and review steps.
Can officers override or pause?	Yes. Cases can be held, reassigned, updated or closed with notes before final action.
Can managers see whether the pilot worked?	Yes. Track evidence completeness, decision time, workload, repeat locations and outcome types.

A pilot a council can say yes to.

Start with one workflow, one team and a clear definition of success. The objective is to move from interest to a scoped pilot without making the whole organisation change at once.

1

Import relevant local laws

FOUNDATION

Confirm categories, delegated authority, notice windows, privacy settings and evidence requirements.

2

Select zones and work areas

SCOPE

Choose state forests, national parks, conservation reserves, access tracks and recreation areas where evidence completeness and dwell time matter.

3

Assign case timelines

CONFIGURE

Map each imported rule to review steps, documents, owner contact, escalation windows and closure reasons.

4

Run a four-week evidence pilot

OPERATE

Capture real cases, review officer workflow and measure what still needs manual handling.

5

Review outcomes with managers

PROVE

Look at evidence completeness, decision time, workload, repeat locations and outcome confidence.

6

Extend into adjacent workflows

EXPAND

Use the same imported-law and case-timeline model across illegal dumping, reserve access, vehicle-of-interest checks and field inspections.

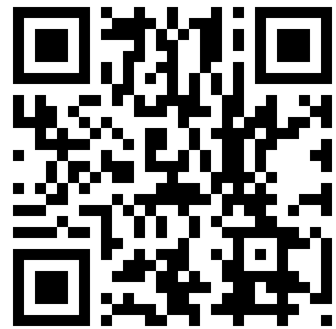
Pilot success measures should be operational: fewer unnecessary rechecks, better evidence completeness, shorter time to decision, cleaner notices or actions, fewer spreadsheet handoffs and clearer management reporting.

NEXT STEP

Bring one real illegal firewood collection workflow. We will build the pilot around it.

A useful first session maps the current process, imports the relevant local laws, assigns case timelines, reviews evidence fields and defines what a four-week pilot should test.

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SOURCE NOTES

1. Local-law and operational settings differ by council, state and country. Confirm final workflow configuration against council policy.
2. Aero Ranger workflow configuration supports imported local laws and assigned case timelines across challenge workflows.
3. This material is operational collateral for discussion and does not provide legal advice.