

Statement from a spokesperson for the Bathurst Regional Council (22 October 2026)

1. Do all gatherings/events held in public spaces such as road and parks, require public liability insurance paid by the organisers?

Yes

2. The 1 August 2026 rally was directed to obtain \$20 million insurance cover. How was this figure arrived at?

The \$20 million coverage is an industry standard.

3. Please provide a list of events, in 2025 and 2026 that were required to obtain insurance and the amount of insurance cover.

The same request was made to anyone looking to hold an event and the request was for the same level of insurance cover, as per Council's adopted standard.

4. How is an event/gathering requiring insurance defined? Please provide the criteria?

A planned activity on Council-owned or controlled land which includes parks, roads and footpaths.

5. Are there any exceptions for events such as ANZAC Day gatherings? Please provide a list of such events.

No

6. Are protests/rallies covered by the council public liability insurance?

Event organisers are required to obtain coverage from a commercial insurer, not Council.

7. What is covered by the council public liability insurance?

It is not a Council-issued insurance policy.

8. Assuming council has its own public liability insurance, what does and doesn't this public liability insurance cover?

Council's Public Liability insurance protects it against claims for injury, death or damage to another person's property arising from Council's activities where Council has a legal liability.