
Environment Policy

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POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Wanneroo (the City) recognises that a healthy and sustainable natural and built environment is important to its residents, its economy and its future prosperity.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate the City's commitment to protecting and enhancing its natural environment and incorporating the principles of ecologically sustainable development throughout its operations and business activities to benefit current and future generations taking into account environmental, economic and social impacts (Triple Bottom Line)

The City is committed to:

- Protecting the natural environment from pollution and degradation that are within the City's mandate and capability;
- Enhancing the natural and built environment through strategic planning and responsible operations;
- Aligning the City's practices with sustainable development principles to encourage efficient use of resources, reduced waste generation and minimise the City's corporate environmental footprint where practicable;
- Adapting to the changing climate and where practical, minimising its contribution towards climate change;
- Encouraging residents and businesses to implement ecologically sustainable practices;
- Establish clear objectives, targets and indicators to monitor environmental performance and sustainable development;
- Recognising, communicating and achieving compliance obligations;
- Incorporating a philosophy of continual improvement and innovation to ensure the City is responding appropriately to future growth, whilst improving its environmental performance and resource use over time;
- Ensure the long-term vision and aspirations of the community are being attained as per the Strategic Community Plan's natural & built environment strategic objectives;
- Encourage active participation, cooperation and communication by employees in developing and implementing measures to improve the City's environmental performance;
- Aligning to the principles of the ISO14001 Environmental Management Systems standard.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Elected Members, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Executive Management, staff, contractors and volunteers working on behalf of the City of Wanneroo.

IMPLICATIONS (Strategic, Financial, Human Resources)

This policy supports the following objectives of the Strategic Community Plan:

- Minimise impacts of climate change (SCP 3.1.1)
- Seek alternative ways to improve energy efficiency (SCP 3.1.2)
- Proactively manage the scarcity of water through sustainable local water management strategies (SCP 3.1.3)
- Maximise the environmental value of beaches, nature reserves and parklands (SCP 3.2.1)
- Collaborate with relevant State agencies with a focus on the enhancement of the natural environment. (SCP 3.2.2)
- Optimize retention of significant vegetation and habitat (SCP 3.2.3)
- Treat waste as a resource (SCP 3.3.1)
- Foster a partnership with community and industry to reduce waste (SCP 3.3.2)
- Create and promote waste management solutions (SCP 3.3.3)
- Improve local amenity by retaining and complementing natural landscapes within the built environment (SCP 3.4.4)
- Lead excellence and innovation in local government (4.3.1)

IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be implemented in accordance with the City's Risk Appetite Statement working document and through the continual improvement of the City's Environmental Management System, the implementation of the Local Environment Strategy, and subsidiary environmental plans, procedures and guidelines. This policy shall be executed with due regard to existing City policies and procedures.

This policy will support the City's objective in aligning with the following standards and legislation and will operate as part of an integrated management system:

- ISO 14001 Environmental Management System standard;
- Australian Business Excellence Framework;
- Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth);
- Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA); and
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (WA)

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The publication, implementation, enforcement and compliance with this policy is the responsibility of the Manager Strategic Land Use Planning and Environment.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

All disputes in regard to this policy will be referred to the Director: Planning & Sustainability in the first instance. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be submitted to the CEO for a ruling.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW PROVISIONS

The success of this policy will be evaluated through the establishment and application of the environmental management system performance monitoring and auditing process.

DEFINITIONS

<i>DEFINITIONS: Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only.</i>	
<i>Ecologically sustainable development</i>	using, conserving and enhancing the community's resources so that ecological processes, on which life depends, are maintained, and the total quality of life, now and in the future, can be increased
<i>Environment</i>	living things, their physical, biological and social surroundings, and interactions between all of these.
<i>Environmental aspect</i>	the element of an organisations activities, products or services that interacts or can interact with the environment.
<i>Environmental Management System</i>	the management of an organization's environmental aspects, compliance obligations and risks and opportunities in a comprehensive, systematic, planned and documented manner.

RELEVANT POLICIES/MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES/DOCUMENTS OR DELEGATIONS

Council & Corporate Policies

Asset Management Policy
 Contract Management Corporate Policy
 Investment Policy
 OSH Policy
 Pesticide Management Policy
 Public Tender Evaluation Corporate Policy
 Purchasing Policy
 Risk Management Policy
 Strategic Land Policy
 Street Tree Policy
 Waste Management Services Policy

Local Planning Policies

LPP 1.1: Conservation Reserves
 LPP 4.1: Wetlands Policy
 LPP 4.3: Public Open Space Policy
 LPP 4.4: Urban Water Management Policy
 LPP 4.8: Tree Preservation Policy

LPP 4.12: Heritage Places Local Planning Policy
 LPP 4.13: Caves and Karstic Features Policy
 LPP 4.14: Compliance
 LPP 4.18 Earthworks and Sand Drift
 LPP 4.21: Coastal Assets

Strategies & Plans

Local Environment Strategy
 City of Wanneroo Strategic Waste Management Plan 2016 – 2022
 Local Biodiversity Plan 2018/19 – 2023/24
 Yellagonga Integrated Catchment Management Plan
 Coastal Hazard Risk Management Adaptation Plan (Part 1 & 2)
 Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Strategy
 Energy Reduction Plan
 Bushfire Risk Management Plan
 Water Conservation Plan
 Asset Management Strategy

REFERENCES

This policy is complemented by the Environmental Legal Register (19/232724) and the Environmental Aspects & Impacts Register (19/58047).

RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Environmental Management System Project Officer

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