

## ENVIRONMENT POLICY

<b>Responsible Directorate:</b>	<i>Planning and Sustainability</i>
<b>Responsible Service Unit:</b>	<i>Strategic Land Use Planning and Environment</i>
<b>Contact Person:</b>	<i>Manager Strategic Land Use Planning &amp; Environment</i>
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### 1. 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.*

### 2. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

#### Objective

The objective 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).

#### Purpose

*The purpose of this policy is to outline City's commitment 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;
- Establishing 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.

### 3. KEY DEFINITIONS

<i>DEFINITIONS: Any definitions listed in the following table apply to this document only.</i>	
<b>Ecologically sustainable development</b>	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
<b>Environment</b>	living things, their physical, biological and social surroundings, and interactions between all of these.
<b>Environmental aspect</b>	the element of an organisations activities, products or services that interacts or can interact with the environment.
<b>Environmental Management System</b>	the management of an organization's environmental aspects, compliance obligations and risks and opportunities in a comprehensive, systematic, planned and documented manner.

### 4. 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.

### 5. IMPLICATIONS

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

- Plan for climate change (SCP 4.1)
- Manage and protect local Biodiversity (SCP 4.2)
- Manage natural assets and resources (SCP 4.3)
- Manage waste and its impacts (SCP 4.4)

### 6. 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)

## 7. AUTHORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

## 8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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

## 9. 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.

## 10. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

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

## 11. RELATED DOCUMENTS

### 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

## 12. REFERENCES

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

## 13. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Environmental Management System Project Officer.

## REVISION HISTORY

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