

Council Policy

Council Policy Name: Environment

Responsible Directorate: Planning and Development Services

Version: Adopted

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this Policy is to outline Council's commitment towards environmental management practices that aid in the long-term protection of environmental values within the District.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy is applicable to land managed by the City and to operations of the City.

3. DEFINITIONS

Term	Meaning
Policy	this City of Busselton Council policy titled "Environment"

4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 4.1. This Policy links to the following themes and strategic priorities of the City's Strategic Community Plan 2021:

Strategic Theme	Strategic Priority
Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.1: Ensure protection and enhancement of environmental values is a central consideration in land use planning
Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.2: Work with the community to manage and enhance natural areas and reserves and their biodiversity
Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.3: Work with key partners to improve the health of the Vasse River and other waterways in the Geographe catchment
Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.4: Respond to the impacts of climate change on the City's coastlines through informed, long-term planning and action
Key Theme 1 ENVIRONMENT	1.5: Implement best practice waste management strategies with a focus on waste avoidance, reduction, reuse and recycling

5. POLICY STATEMENT

- 5.1. The City is committed to:
- the proactive management of City land to protect and enhance environmental values;
 - the establishment and maintenance of effective working relationships and partnerships with the community and other stakeholders to undertake environmental management;
 - decision-making which gives due regard to environmental values alongside economic and social considerations.
- 5.2. The City will ensure its decision making considers potential impacts on the environment by integrating environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity principles within sound governance frameworks.

- 5.3. The City will implement management and operational practices which are considerate of the environmental values of the District, minimise waste and resource consumption and protect the City’s exceptionally high biodiversity values.
- 5.4. The City will maintain an Environment Strategy to provide strategic direction and to guide the City’s environmental management activities.
- 5.5. The City will build and maintain community capacity and engagement in relation to environmental management through:
 - a. encouraging and supporting community participation and inclusiveness;
 - b. promoting community engagement and collaboration;
 - c. encouraging and nurturing partnerships.

6. RELATED DOCUMENTATION / LEGISLATION

- 6.1. Local Environmental Planning Strategy
- 6.2. Environment Strategy 2016-2021
- 6.3. Environmental Volunteer Management and Engagement Strategy 2017

7. REVIEW DETAILS

Review Frequency		3 yearly		
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