

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 continuous improvement in environmental management practices and the long-term protection of environmental values within the District.

2. SCOPE

- 2.1. This Policy is applicable to all land managed by the City and to all 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 Strategic Theme 1. ENVIRONMENT - An environment that is valued, conserved and able to be enjoyed by current and future generations, of the City's Strategic Community Plan June 2021 and specifically the following Strategic Priorities:
- a. 1.1: Ensure protection and enhancement of environmental values is a central consideration in land use planning;
 - b. 1.2: Work with the community to manage and enhance natural areas and reserves and their biodiversity;
 - c. 1.3: Work with key partners to improve the health of the Vasse River and other waterways in the Geographe catchment;
 - d. 1.4: Respond to the impacts of climate change on the City's coastlines through informed, long term planning and action; and
 - e. 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 will ensure:
- a. the proactive management of City land to protect and enhance environmental values;
 - b. the establishment and maintenance of effective working relationships and partnerships with the community and other stakeholders to undertake environmental management;
 - c. decision-making by the City gives due regard to environmental values alongside economic and social considerations.
- 5.2. The City will maintain an Environment Strategy to provide direction on how the City will meet the environmental aspirations of the community, as set out in the Strategic Community Plan, and to guide the City's activities.

- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. The City will implement best practice in its management of the environmental values of the District in order to identify and protect the City's exceptionally high biodiversity values.
- 5.5. The City will develop and maintain an Environmental Volunteer Management and Engagement Strategy with the aim of building and maintaining community capacity and engagement in relation to the management of the environmental values of the District, in particular through:
 - a. encouraging and supporting community participation and inclusiveness;
 - b. promoting community engagement and collaboration;
 - c. encouraging and nurturing partnerships.
- 5.6. The City will plan, design, operate and conduct operations in a manner that minimises waste and resource consumption.

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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