

Council Policy Name: Environment Policy

Responsible Directorate: Planning and Development Services

Version: Current

## 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 applies 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 entitled "Environment Policy"

## 4. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 4.1. This Policy links to Key Goal Area 3 - Environment of the City's Strategic Community Plan 2017 and specifically the following Community Objective/s:
- a. 3.1: Development is managed sustainably and our environment valued;
  - b. 3.2: Natural areas and habitats are cared for and enhanced for the enjoyment of current and future generations;
  - c. 3.3: The health and attractiveness of our waterways and wetlands is improved to enhance community amenity

## 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**

<b>Review Frequency</b>		3 yearly		
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