



Council Policy Manual

CP 8.0 Environment Policy

PREAMBLE

The City of Perth acknowledges that the city is the urban centre for Western Australia, characterised by a unique environmental setting. The City recognises that it has an obligation to develop a structured and cohesive approach to preserving and enriching environment quality through its local, regional and international leadership position.

The City of Perth faces important challenges in addressing the current and future needs of the community and the environment.

This policy has been developed by the City in response to a recognised need for a clearly defined vision, dedicated leadership, innovative action and effective collaboration to ensure that the city integrates environmental consideration with social advancement and economic prosperity. This policy is central to recognising the City's environmental responsibility in managing the city and serving the community of Perth.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

The City of Perth achieves environmental improvement while supporting its social and economic needs through equity and integration. Environmental impacts will be prevented, minimised and managed in city activities while creating and maintaining a resilient, diverse and attractive environment. The Perth environment will evoke pride, connection and a sense of place with its community.

SCOPE

The City of Perth defines the environment as the natural, built and human elements of the city. Environmental impacts are the outcomes of the use and interaction of these elements.

This policy applies to all City employees and activities including the delivery of facilities and services, regulation, facilitation, education, advocacy and strategic planning.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Perth will work internally and seek to collaborate with its community to create an environmentally sustainable city through its commitment to:



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1. Achieve continual environmental improvement in operations and activities, carried out by and on behalf of the City, through compliance with statutory responsibilities, and where feasible, exceed legal standards.
2. Achieve optimal environmental outcomes through open, transparent and informed decision making, setting performance targets and reporting to the community.
3. Optimise procurement, use and disposal of resources and assets to avoid production of waste and maximise reuse, recycling and recovery of resources.
4. Encourage employees, suppliers and contractors to improve their environmental performance to reduce detrimental environmental impacts of goods and services used by the City.
5. Identify and utilise opportunities to ensure environmentally efficient systems for resource management are used, including: water and wastewater management and reuse; sustainable energy generation; distribution and use; and waste management and recycling.
6. Foster innovation to improve environmental performance and lead the City and its community.
7. Promote design and development planning which minimise the potential risk to health and infrastructure from natural hazards and to improve the city's resilience.
8. Provide connectivity between buildings, transport, social and physical infrastructure to maximise efficiencies of renewable and non-renewable resources.
9. Improve and maintain ecological diversity, natural landscape values and ecological linkages to maximise environmental health, community wellbeing, connection, amenity and comfort.
10. Enhance the community's capacity to fulfil their aspirations for an enriched environment which will evoke pride, a sense of place and connection.
11. Facilitate recognition of the value of the environment in enhancing the city's economic development ensuring interaction with the environment leads to sustainable growth.



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