



Council Policy Manual

CP 8.5 Towards an Energy Resilient City

POLICY OBJECTIVE

This policy establishes the City's leadership role in advocating the importance of energy resilience. It provides the mandate for the City of Perth to pursue energy resilience actions with respect to the City of Perth's own operations and assets, and to pursue collaborative action for citywide energy resilience.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. ENERGY RESILIENCE IN CONTEXT

Energy resilience for the purposes of this policy is defined as the ability to withstand, or recover quickly from, fluctuations in the availability and affordability of energy. Energy resilience can be achieved through reducing energy use (e.g. energy efficiency), diversifying energy sources and using renewable energy.

As Perth's urban form, climate, and population changes and evolves, the imperative to build resilience intensifies. The City of Perth recognises that business as usual activities in conjunction with these changes are leading to increasing vulnerability with respect to energy security and affordability. Addressing energy resilience can transition Perth into a more sustainable, resilient and affordable city.

This policy is a foundation for the City's investment in working with key stakeholders, developing our relationships, partnerships and action plans, in order to achieve the City's desired energy resilience objectives.

2. CITY'S ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This Policy recognises the City of Perth's environmental roles related to managing the city and serving the community of Perth.

The City of Perth recognises it has a responsibility to fulfil a number of different roles in order to achieve the transition towards energy resilience, including;

- a. delivering facilities and services;
- b. developing and applying regulation;
- c. facilitating, educating and advocating with and for stakeholders and our community;
- d. planning strategically; and
- e. ensuring the resources of our organisation are used efficiently and effectively.



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3. FOCUSING OUR RESOURCES TO ACHIEVE RESULTS

The City of Perth's aspiration is to future proof the city's built environment and its people in the face of future challenges from climate change, energy security and rising costs and through this, establish central Perth as a highly desirable, efficient and affordable place in which to live and conduct business. This will be achieved through:

- a. Taking actions to transition the City of Perth into an energy resilient organisation by integrating energy resilience considerations into the City of Perth's business operations;
- b. Embedding energy resilience into early-stage decision making and project planning, including whole-of-life considerations;
- c. Supporting the evolution of an energy resilient built form in the central city;
- d. Facilitating the uptake of energy resilience values and actions across the city community by undertaking community education and engagement;
- e. Advocating for key city stakeholders to support and participate actively in the transition of Perth into an energy resilient city;
- f. Facilitating programs, partnerships and collaborations to catalyse action to achieve energy resilience;
- g. Pursuing collaborations and partnerships with the wider regional and global community to share information and reflections on energy resilience projects and concepts; and
- h. Investing resources to monitoring progress thereby achieving continual improvements in the transition towards energy resilience.

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