

POLICY STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENT

ASPIRATION	Conservation and Restoration of the Natural Environment
RESPONSIBLE DIRECTORATE	Technical Services
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS UNIT	Environment and Sustainability
RELEVANT LEGISLATION	Not Applicable

1. Objective

To clearly define the key Environmental Objectives the City will pursue in achieving its City of Armadale Strategic Community Plan 2020-2030 environmental goal of the Conservation and restoration of the natural environment, which includes:

- The protection of the environment, including the prevention of pollution.
- Compliance with environmental and heritage legislation.
- The implementation of processes enabling continuous improvement in environmental performance, including consultation with relevant industry stakeholders where appropriate.

2. Policy

The City of Armadale will promote environmental sustainability in accordance with section 3.1(1A) of the *Local Government Act 1995* (WA). This includes the need to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change. Long term consequences and impacts to future generations will be considered as part of any decision making processes in relation to this policy.

The local environment has been considered in each of its constituent parts; Biodiversity, Water, Aboriginal Heritage, Soil and Land and Air. The following objectives will be adhered to by the City in pursuit of achieving its environmental goal:

Biodiversity

- Preserve and enhance the City's natural areas
- Seek to protect and enhance biodiversity assets through the land development process
- Create partnerships and support strategies for the maintenance and enrichment of the natural environment

Water

- Utilise water efficiently as part of City operations
- Minimise detrimental impacts to water quality in the City's rivers, streams, brooks and drains

Aboriginal Heritage

- Recognise the connection that members of the local Aboriginal community share with City managed land through the implementation of on-ground initiatives

Soil and Land

- Minimise the pollution of soil and land that could result from City activities

Air

- Minimise pollution to the atmosphere from City operations
- Minimise the City's carbon footprint

3. Influencing Strategies or Plans

This Policy is influenced by the overarching strategic outcomes and objectives of the Strategic Community Plan and Corporate Business Plan including Outcome 2.1 Conservation and Restoration of the Natural Environment:

- Objective 2.1.1 Sustainability initiatives are supported and implemented throughout the City
- Objective 2.1.2 Improve water efficiency throughout the City's operations
- Objective 2.1.3 Seek to improve the quality of water within waterways throughout the City
- Objective 2.1.4 Minimise corporate and community carbon footprints within the City of Armadale
- Objective 2.1.5 Minimise impacts on air quality throughout the City
- Objective 2.1.6 Protect soil and land resources throughout the City
- Objective 2.1.7 Biodiversity is managed to preserve and improve ecosystem health
- Objective 2.1.8 Facilitate the creation of partnerships and support strategies for the maintenance and enrichment of the natural environment

4. Applicable Legislation

This policy is aligned to the requirements of ISO14001 *Environmental Management Systems*. The City's commitment to comply with environmental and heritage legislation includes the following:

- *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*
- *Planning and Development Act 2005 (WA)*
- *Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act)*
- *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (WA) (BC Act 2016)*
- *Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA) (EP Act)*
- *Environment (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 (WA)*
- *Environmental Protection (Unauthorised Discharges) Regulations 2004 (WA)*
- *Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 (WA)*
- *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 (WA) (AH Act)*

5. Definitions

None.

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