

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Policy Type: Council Policy

**Policy Owner: Executive Manager
Organisational Development**

Policy No. CP- 030

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POLICY OBJECTIVES

To provide guidance and direction for the City of Melville (City) to minimise our impact on the environment and include climate change considerations in decision making.

POLICY SCOPE

The City is responsible for providing a broad range of services to residents and businesses, including parks and reserves, recreation and leisure facilities, libraries and community education, collection and disposal of waste, planning and building approvals, environmental health and civil construction.

This policy relates to all City operations, assets, staff and contractors providing services on behalf of the City.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City aims to prevent, manage and minimise environmental impacts associated with its activities, while conserving and enhancing the City of Melville's biodiversity and environmental quality, thereby maintaining and creating healthy surroundings for the community.

The City recognises that the global climate is changing as a result of an increase in the concentration of greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere and that human activities, in part, continue to contribute to increased greenhouse gas emissions along with other naturally occurring factors. The City recognises its role in promoting mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions from its operations and assets and leading the way for the community to reduce the emissions within the geographic boundaries of City of Melville.

The City recognises that climate change poses particular risks to the community and that the management of these risks will require an adaptation response.

The City will incorporate the principles of ecologically sustainable development within its decision making process to ensure the City of Melville's environment and resources efficiency improves over time.

The City will:

- Implement the Corporate Environmental Strategic Plan and incorporate the Environmental Management Process into its Business Management System to enhance awareness and the priority given to the environment;
- Implement and use management systems to plan, document, measure, monitor and analyse environmental performance including setting, assessing and reviewing objectives and targets;



- Identify and manage environmental risks, including climate change risks within operations and apply best practice principles to ensure Sustainability. ;
- Continually improve environmental performance through training, management review, research, development and consultation with the community;
- Require employees and contractors to comply with all relevant legislation, regulations and standards that impact on the environment;
- Take into consideration climate change impacts within City operations and undertake to implement actions that assist adaptation to and management of those risks; and
- Communicate this policy to all staff, contractors and other stakeholders as well as making this policy available to the general public.

Dr Shayne Silcox, CEO

References that may be applicable to this Policy

Legislative Requirements:	N/A
Procedure, Process Maps, Work Instructions:	N/A
Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:	ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System – Standards Australia AS/NZS 4801:2001 Occupational Health and Safety Management System – Standards Australia ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management System – Standards Australia ICSS 2014-17 : International Customer Service Standard – Customer Service Institute of Australia (CSIA) The Australian Business Framework (ABEF) 2011 – SAI Global City of Melville Corporate Environmental Strategic Plan, Environmental Management framework and Safety, Health and Environment risk and Legal register
Delegated Authority No:	N/A

ORIGIN/AUTHORITY

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REVIEWS

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