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1. PURPOSE

The City of Port Lincoln is committed to protecting and enhancing the local environment for future generations. This policy aims to show our commitment toward ecologically sustainable practice, and to ensure that its principles are integrated into all levels of planning and decision making.

To achieve this Council will endeavour to undertake all activities in accordance with the principles of ecologically sustainable development (ESD) which include:

- a) Precautionary principle – To take all possible precautions to avoid serious or irreversible environmental harm, and that lack of full scientific evidence should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental harm.
- b) Inter-generational equity – That the present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.
- c) Conservation of biodiversity – That conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity should be a fundamental consideration.
- d) Improved valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms – Environmental factors should be included in the valuation of assets and services.

2. PRINCIPLES

2.1. *Council Buildings and Infrastructure*

All new Council owned buildings and infrastructure shall be designed and built in accordance with energy efficiency regulations as defined in the Building Code of Australia, and South Australian Housing Code. This includes consideration of energy, materials, waste and water at the design stage.

Council will, where possible, install solar panels to off-set our carbon footprint.

Council will promote the use of recycled materials for projects where applicable, for example, boardwalks and street furniture, aluminium shelters and furniture containing a high proportion of recycled product.

2.2. Storm water and Coastal Protection

The pristine waters of Eyre Peninsula are extremely valuable for aquaculture, tourism, conservation and recreation. The City of Port Lincoln recognises that it has a role to play in reducing pollutants and erosion at stormwater outfall points to minimise the impact on coastal and marine environment. To achieve this Council will adopt the strategies of the City of Port Lincoln Stormwater Management Plan. This sets out the following objective for stormwater management;

1. Minimise the flooding risk to existing and future development
2. Maximise stormwater reuse and/or diversion into detention basins or wetlands where natural infiltration can occur.
3. Reduction of adverse impacts on receiving waters.
4. To foster desirable development planning outcomes associated with open space, recreation and amenity.

The City of Port Lincoln will liaise with the Eyre Peninsula Natural Resource Management Board to ensure that best practice stormwater management techniques are employed and implemented where possible. Eg. Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles.

2.3. Recycled Water

The City of Port Lincoln will implement and maintain recycled water management systems consistent with the Australian Guidelines for Water Recycling to effectively manage the risks to public and environmental health.

All managers and employees involved in the supply of recycled water are responsible for understanding, implementing, maintaining and continuously improving the recycled water management system. Membership and participation in professional associations dealing with management and use of recycled water is encouraged.

2.4. Open Space/Reserves

Public open spaces, parks and reserves will be designed, developed and managed to;

- Provide a variety of environments to suit the needs of the community.
- Reduce water usage through use of low water use, indigenous plants and by mulching to conserve moisture.
- Preserve the natural environment and biodiversity to enhance the social and cultural values of the local area.
- Minimise the use of chemicals where possible.
- Control the establishment or spread of environmental pests and weeds.

2.5. *Bushfire Prevention*

The City is dedicated to continuous improvement of bushfire prevention. An underlying principle associated with bushfire prevention shall be management of fuel loads whilst preserving biodiversity.

2.6. *Recycling Program*

Council will continue to support the current Recycling Program and will investigate other recycling initiatives that will benefit the community.

Council will continue to offer recycling options under the Australian Government Stewardship program eg. E-Waste and any future products that may be offered under the program in the future.

Council will continue to work towards regional solutions to increase the amount of material recycled and minimise the amount that goes to landfill.

3. RELEVANT DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES

Any actions or decisions made regarding this policy, will be enacted upon as per Council's current Delegations Register.

4. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed by the City of Port Lincoln within twelve months after the conclusion of each periodic election or on significant change to legislation or aspects included within this policy.

5. REFERENCES

City of Port Lincoln Strategic Plan "[Strategic Directions](#)" (reference N20122760)

[Greater City of Port Lincoln Bushfire Prevention Plan](#)

Reducing Stormwater Impacts on Coast and Marine Environments – DesignFlow 2010

5.63.10 Waste Management Policy

5.63.12 Recycled Water Management Policy

City of Port Lincoln Stormwater Management plan

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

AS/NZS ISO 14004:2004 Environmental Management Systems – General guidelines on principles, systems and support techniques.