

HEAD OF POWER

- *Local Government Act*, section 9(1)
- *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, Chapter 1, Part 2(3) and (5)

INTENT

The purpose of this policy is to set a target for the achievement of environmental excellence in the way we live and undertake work in the Bundaberg Region and that Council employees and contractors lead by example in matters of environmental excellence.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all employees, volunteers, contractors, and visitors to Council's workplaces. It also applies to all residents and visitors where their activities have environmental impacts.

DEFINITIONS

Employee means a local government employee as defined in the *Local Government Act 2009*.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Council will ensure our strategic and operational activities are planned and conducted in such a manner as to minimise, and where possible avoid, adverse effects on the environment. This includes all air, water, waste and noise impacts that may adversely affect our employees, the public and or our natural environment.
2. Council aims to be proactive in the:
 - Reduction and/or elimination of environmental risks.
 - Promotion of the requirements of relevant legislation and association regulations, codes of practice and standards.
 - Development and promotion of strategies and practices in the areas of environmental hazard identification and risk management.
 - Elimination and prevention of the risk of environmental harm due to the workplace or workplace activities.
 - Provision of adequate regulatory resources and environmental management training.
 - Protection and enhancement of natural and cultural heritage.
3. Council will achieve its objectives through compliance with the Environmental Policy Statement and all the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* and regulations.

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Environmental Policy Statement
- *Environmental Protection Regulation 2019*
- *Environmental Protection (Air) Policy 2019*

- *Environmental Protection (Noise) Policy 2019*
- *Environmental Protection (Water and Wetland Biodiversity) Policy 2019*

DOCUMENTS CONTROLS

Council will review this policy biennially or in response to changes in law or best practice.

POLICY OWNER

Branch Manager Health and Regulatory Services.