

EN. 3**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
GENERAL**

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POLICY STATEMENT**POLICY OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of this policy are to:

1. express Council's commitment to the principles of ecologically sustainable development.
2. ensure that an Environmental Management System is implemented so that Council:
 - applies best practice to its activities and operations with respect to environmental protection;
 - leads by example demonstrating to the community its commitment to environmental protection;
 - achieves continuous improvement, through training and systems review, in environmental protection; and
 - complies with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and standards.

RELATED LEGISLATION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Protection of the Environment Operations Act (1997)
 Environmental Planning and Assessment Act (1979)
 Pesticides Act (1999)
 Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995)
 ISO14000
 Marrickville Councils Greenhouse Policy (1992)
 Marrickville Council's Environmental Management Manual and Procedural documents (1999)
 Energy Smart Business Program (SEDA)
 Cities for Climate Protection Program (AGO)
 Marrickville Council's Waste Reduction and Procurement Policy (2000)
 Sydney Water – licensing requirements

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Marrickville Council's commitment to the environment is expressed in its Vision Statement for "a safe, healthy, culturally enriching and ecologically sustainable environment for the people of the Marrickville area".
2. In order to implement this vision for a sustainable future Marrickville Council will:
 - establish and maintain environmental standards for Council operations as well as contractors and volunteers;

- continually improve environmental performance, including more efficient use of energy, water and other resources;
 - comply with all relevant legislation;
 - provide adequate resources (including staff, time, effort, equipment and financial) to ensure environmental protection is provided and standards are maintained; and
 - identify the specific roles and responsibilities within Council in relation to protection of the environment.
3. To ensure Council is proactive in working towards sustainability, an Environmental Management System is to be developed, implemented, maintained and reviewed to:
- meet Council's legislative obligations;
 - achieve best practice in environmental protection by:
 - taking a proactive approach to avoiding environmental impact;
 - providing training, instruction, information and regular education to all employees; and
 - consulting with employees to enable them to contribute to protecting the environment.
 - ensure objectives of the program remain current; and
 - establish the requirements and procedures for protecting the environment through:
 - the setting of objectives and targets to avoid environmental impact ;
 - the development of procedures and instructions;
 - the investigation of incidents; and
 - the implementation of corrective measures.
4. All employees have a responsibility under this policy to protect the environment during the course of their work with Council. Procedures will be available to ensure that all employees are aware of the:
- importance of compliance with the environment policy and objectives;
 - potential environmental impacts of their work activities and the environmental benefits of improved performance;
 - roles and responsibilities in achieving compliance with the environment policy and objectives; and
 - potential consequences of departure from agreed operating procedures.
5. The Council has a responsibility to ensure that there is a management representative who shall have defined responsibility for ensuring the Environmental Management System is implemented.