

POLICY



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Policy title: **QUALITY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OF WASTE SERVICES ACTIVITIES**

Directorate: STRATEGY & SUSTAINABILITY

Branch: HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT & WASTE

Policy objective: The objective of this policy is to protect and, where possible, enhance the environment by preventing and minimising the environmental impact of waste services which include waste collection and disposal, resource recovery and recycling, and former landfill management.

This policy supports priority area (E) Building Our Environment in Council's current Corporate Plan as well as the waste service Business Plan.

Policy scope:

Waste Services is committed to the following principles:

1. Activities within the jurisdiction and control of Waste Services will be undertaken in a manner to prevent pollution, or minimise to the extent most practical, damage to the environment.
2. Development, design and operation of facilities will consider to the extent not practicable, the efficient use of energy and materials, the salvage, recovery, reuse and recycling of renewable and non-renewable resources, and the safe and responsible disposal of residual wastes.
3. Safety of employees and customers through the implementation of procedures and training on operational activities and emergency situations.
4. Communication with internal and external stakeholders anticipating and responding to their concerns about potential and actual impacts of operations and services.
5. Maintenance of the financial viability of services with efficient resources and operations.
6. Continuous improvement of environmental performance and ensuring compliance with legislation and Corporate environmental requirements.
7. Providing reliable, timely and cost effective waste and recycling collection services to households and commercial clients.
8. Ensuring that its Quality and Environmental Management System provides an appropriate and relevant framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets.

Definitions:

Not applicable.

Policy statement:

1. This policy is in accordance with Council’s current corporate plan, Waste Services Business Plan and Waste Services Performance Plan.
2. The environmental policy will be communicated to employees within the branch through initial induction training, detailed induction training and environmental awareness training. Employees will consider the principles of the quality environmental management when preparing and reviewing its programs.
3. In accordance with the requirements of the Quality and Environmental Management System, this policy is documented, implemented, maintained and available to Waste Services staff and the public on request.

Related policies/legislation/other documents:

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