

Policy Details

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1. Policy Purpose

To establish Council's commitment to manage risks of a variable and changing climate.

2. Scope

This policy applies to Council operations under Council's direct control.

3. Policy Statement

Logan City Council recognises that a variable and changing climate could potentially result in adverse consequences on the organisation and the Logan community. Council is committed to identifying and implementing mitigation, adaptation and resilience building actions to avoid and minimise climate-related risks.

Specifically, Council will:

- Recognise current and emerging climate scenario modelling identified by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), Australian Government and Queensland Government;
- Undertake assessments to identify Council's exposure to climate-related risks;
- Embed climate change mitigation, adaptation and resilience considerations into Council's corporate governance documents relating to financial planning, asset management, strategic planning and disaster management;
- Develop a Climate Change Resilience Strategy (and associated implementation plans) that identifies outcomes and actions to mitigate, adapt and build resilience to a variable and changing climate aligned to Council's Principles of Sustainability; and

- Report on our progress and performance in identifying and implementing climate change related mitigation, adaptation and resilience building actions.

4. Definitions

The following definitions apply to this policy and the associated procedure.

TERM	DEFINITION
Adaptation	Taking action to avoid, withstand or benefit from current and projected climate changes and impacts.
Climate Change	A change in global or regional climate patterns, in particular, a change apparent from the mid to late 20 th century onwards and attributed largely to the increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide produced by the use of fossil fuels.
Climate-related risk	Refers to the range of potential consequences caused by climate related hazards. Some are slow in their onset (such as changes in temperature and rainfall leading to droughts, or agricultural losses), while others happen more suddenly (such as bushfires, tropical storms and floods).
Direct control	Refers to the systems that Council has specific management and direct control of. For example, Council's direct electricity usage, Council's own vehicle fleet emissions, Council owned and operated landfill emissions. It does not include household and community electricity usage and emissions, contractor, customer and community travel.
Mitigation	Actions and efforts undertaken to reduce the potential impacts of climate change.
Principles of Sustainability	<p>Logan City Council's Principles of Sustainability are:</p> <p>Environment - Council will deliver services and activities in a manner that avoids and reduces waste, energy consumption and carbon emissions; is water efficient; uses recycled or reusable goods wherever practical and protects and enhances our natural environment, while considering the social, economic and governance implications of decisions.</p> <p>Community - Council will ensure access to services, facilities and amenities that promote a community that is healthy and active; inclusive and connected and safe and resilient, while considering the environmental, economic and governance ramifications of decisions.</p> <p>Economy - Council will promote a prosperous local economy and develop local job opportunities while considering the environmental, social and governance ramifications of decisions.</p>

TERM	DEFINITION
	<p>Governance - Council will govern in an ethical and transparent manner, providing opportunities for community participation in decision making and make its decisions in the interests of the community while considering the environmental, social and economic ramifications of decisions.</p>

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