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SUMMARY

1. This Environmental Policy forms part of Council's Environmental Management System and confirms Council's commitment to protect the environment when undertaking its activities.

POLICY BACKGROUND

2. The Central Coast local government area is a diverse region encompassing mountain ranges, natural bushland, rivers, coastal areas, wetlands and lakes. The area has a strong and growing residential base ranging from rural acres to suburban dwellings. These are supported by a mixture of retail and commercial areas and light to heavy industry.
3. Council's responsibilities include regulating environmental policy and standards; waste management; construction and maintenance works; land use planning and management; and providing public amenities including parks, swimming pools, children's playgrounds and sports grounds.
4. Council is committed to responsible management of the natural environment of the Central Coast local government area.
5. To achieve this commitment, Council will be directed by the Environmental Management System of which this policy forms part.

POLICY STATEMENT

Jurisdiction

6. This Policy covers personnel employed by Council, any person or organisation contracted to or acting on behalf of Council, any person or organisation employed to work on Council premises or facilities and all activities of the Council.
7. This policy does not confer any delegated authority upon any person. All delegations to staff are issued by the Chief Executive Officer.

General

8. Amendment to this policy can occur at any time by the authority of the Chief Executive Officer

Environmental Management

9. Council will establish, maintain and continuously improve its Environmental Management System

10. Council is committed to complying with all relevant environmental legislation;
11. Council will ensure its staff are actively involved in training and awareness programmes which provide updates to relevant legislation and relevant best practice.
12. Council will ensure that its staff minimise the disposal of waste through reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery;
13. Council will continuously identify and manage significant environmental aspects relevant to Council activities and services to reduce any negative impact on the environment;

BREACHES

14. Suspected breaches or misuse of this policy are to be reported to the Chief Executive Officer.
15. Alleged breaches of this policy shall be dealt with by the processes outlined for breaches of the Code of Conduct, as detailed in the Code of Conduct and in the Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct.

DEFINITIONS

16. **Code of Conduct** means the Code of Conduct adopted by Council
17. **Council** means Central Coast Council
18. **Values and Behaviours** mean the common set of Values and Behaviours adopted by Council. There are five Values and fourteen supporting Behaviours.

Serve	Deliver amazing services through empowering people; and Pursue collaborative partnerships for better community outcomes.
Improve	Look for better ways of doing things; and Encourage participation and new ideas.
Collaborate	Build relationships based on mutual trust; Share ideas, talent, skills and knowledge; Actively listen to find the best overall outcome; and Demonstrate care and respect for ourselves and each other.
Be Your Best	Strive to be your best every day; Promote self-awareness and development;

Open to continual learning and improvement; and
Take personal responsibility for actions and decisions.

Be Positive Celebrate having a go; and
Build one team spirit.



19. **Environmental Management System** and **EMS** means Council's adopted system for the management of the interaction between its activities and the environment.
20. **Environmental Impact** is any change to the environment, wholly or partially resulting from an organisation's environmental activities.
21. **Natural Environment** means the living and nonliving things in an area of the earth. The natural environment both enables human life and is affected by human activity.

RELATED RESOURCES

22. Legislation:
 - a) Local Government Act 1993;
 - b) Local Government (General) Regulations 2005;
 - c) Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016;
 - d) Coastal Management Act 2016;
 - e) Contaminated Land Management Act, 1997;
 - f) Dangerous Goods (Roads and Rail Transport) Act 2008;
 - g) Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
 - h) Fisheries Management Act 1994;
 - i) Heritage Act 1977;
 - j) Local Land Services Act 2013;
 - k) Marine Estate Management Act 2014;
 - l) National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974;
 - m) Pesticides Act 1999;
 - n) Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997;
 - o) Water Management Act 2000;
23. Associated Documents:
 - a) Code of Conduct;
 - b) Procedures for the Administration of the Code of Conduct;
 - c) Equity, Diversity and Respect Policy;
 - d) Environmental Protection Licenses.