



Wyong Shire Council

Environmental Policy (Operational)

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A. POLICY SUMMARY

- A.1. This Environmental Policy states Wyong Shire Council's commitment to protecting the environment. This will be achieved by establishing and following policies and procedures, developing and implementing initiatives, and working with the community and staff to raise environmental awareness so as to mitigate their impact on the environment.

B. POLICY BACKGROUND

- B.1. Wyong Shire 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.
- B.2. Wyong Shire Council is committed to responsible management of the environment within the Shire.
- B.3. To achieve this commitment, Council will be guided by its Sustainability Principles and the Environmental Management System of which this policy forms part.

C. DEFINITIONS

- C.1. **Council** means the elected representatives, Councillors, who form the governing body of Wyong Shire Council.
- C.2. **WSC** means Wyong Shire Council, being the organisation responsible for the administration of Council affairs and operations and the implementation of Council policy and strategies.

D. POLICY STATEMENTS

A Jurisdiction

- D.1. This Policy covers all elected members of Council, all personnel employed by WSC, any person or organisation contracted to or acting on behalf of WSC, any person or organisation employed to work on WSC premises or facilities and all activities of the WSC.
- D.2. This policy does not confer any delegated authority upon any person. All delegations to staff are issued by the General Manager.

B General

- D.3. Amendment to this policy will occur in accordance with the procedure for Organisational Policy establishment contained in the WSC Policy for the Establishment of Policies.
- D.4. It is the personal responsibility of all WSC employees and agents thereof to have knowledge of, and to ensure compliance with this policy
- D.5. WSC will comply with relevant environmental laws, regulations and adhere to applicable codes of practice.

- D.6. WSC will lead by example and support action for sustainability by reducing the use of resources, and minimising the generation of greenhouse emissions and waste.
- D.7. WSC will raise awareness, encourage participation, and train employees in environmental matters.
- D.8. WSC will work with the local community to protect and improve the environment and maintain healthy ecological systems within the Shire.

E. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION - PROCEDURES

- E.1. WSC will assess and minimise the environmental effects of all its operational activities throughout the design, construction and operational phases.
- E.2. WSC will regularly assess and review its environmental objectives, targets, policies and procedures to ensure sustainable and continuous improvement.
- E.3. WSC will ensure that all suppliers and contractors exercise, as a minimum, WSC's environmental standards.

C Associated documents

- E.4. WSC Policy for the Establishment of Policies
- E.5. WSC Sustainability Principles