

# Soil & Water Management Policy

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## Background

To achieve the sustainable management of surface and groundwater resources Glenorchy City Council is committed to protecting or enhancing water quality by achieving excellence in environmental management for the City of Glenorchy and its community. This commitment requires compliance with environmental legislation, limiting exposure to liability arising from Council's activities, and achieving continuous improvement in environmental performance. The Council has recognised that it has a role and a responsibility to ensure that the environment of the City is protected and improved. The Aldermen and Staff are committed to:

## Policy Statement

- **A caring and safe environment exceeding the expectations of our changing community.**

In order to achieve this level of excellence Glenorchy City Council will, in its own operational activities, and in support of the needs of the community:

1. Promote the sustainable use of natural resources both within Council and in the local community.
2. Employ best practice environmental management principles to minimise environmental pollution of surface and groundwater resources.
3. Provide clear and consistent guidelines on Council procedures and practices that may impact on surface and groundwater resources.
4. Provide appropriate training to employees to minimise the environmental impact of their activities.
5. Inform all contractors of their responsibilities in relation to the protection of surface and groundwater resources, and monitor the manner in which their responsibilities are discharged.
6. Achieve continual improvement in environmental performance, and where appropriate, go beyond regulatory and legislative requirements.
7. Identify the concerns of the local and wider community regarding water quality issues and establish specific actions to address those concerns.
8. Focus water quality management on the achievement of water quality objectives which maintain or enhance water quality.

9. Ensure that diffuse and point source pollution does not prejudice the achievement of water quality objectives.
10. Ensure that efficient and effective water quality monitoring programs are carried out.
11. Facilitate and promote integrated catchment management through the achievement of objectives 7,8, and 9.

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