

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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Background

Council is committed to achieving excellence in environmental management for the City of Glenorchy and its community with a strategic objective of providing **An Environmentally Sustainable Community** through the sound management, protection and development of the natural and built environment.

In accordance with this objective in all its activities the Glenorchy City Council is committed to:

- ◆ Compliance with legislation and regulations;
- ◆ Continual improvement in environmental performance;
- ◆ Avoidance of environmental harm and minimisation of environmental impacts from Council activities;
- ◆ Conservation and/or improvement of resources such as water, soil, air and energy;
- ◆ Promotion of conservation of resources;
- ◆ Communicating this policy to all staff, contractors and the community.

Policy Statement

To protect and improve the environment the Glenorchy City Council will:

- ◆ Progressively develop operating procedures and adopt appropriate work practices that reduce to a minimum the adverse impact on the environment of Council's day to day activities;
- ◆ Train and educate its employees and contractors to understand and implement the environmental policy;
- ◆ Promote and undertake the sustainable use of resources both within Council and in the local community and pursue new opportunities to keep waste to a minimum by avoiding, reusing and recycling waste products;
- ◆ Promote the conservation of resources through the use of recycled products wherever possible;
- ◆ Provide clear and consistent guidelines to employees and contractors on best practice environmental management;
- ◆ Enforce regulations and provide advice on matters of environmental health to business, industry and the community;
- ◆ Protect the health and amenity of the community through the maintenance of safe, clean and pleasant environments;
- ◆ Identify the concerns of the local and wider community regarding environmental issues and respond to information received;
- ◆ Support and develop community based initiatives that promote environmental sustainability;
- ◆ Progressively develop and implement an integrated system of environmental management covering all aspects of Council operations and functions that have the potential to impact significantly on the environment.
- ◆ Undertake annual State of the Environment Reporting on the City of Glenorchy;
- ◆ Establish and maintain a representative Environmental Management Committee to facilitate the implementation of this policy, and provide for the effective coordination and integration of all environmental activities of Council.

Review 3 years

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Current

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