

# Environment and Sustainability

## Policy Objective

The City of Belmont is committed to the protection and enhancement of the natural environment. Our operations seek to improve the natural environment whilst addressing the risk of pollution and significant environmental impact. Our community is informed and active in addressing their own environmentally sustainable futures.

## Policy Statement

The City of Belmont is committed to –

- Enhancing the City’s environmental performance through the continual implementation and improvement of an Environmental Management System.
- Protecting the natural environment and ecological values within the City of Belmont through the implementation of enhancement plans for remnant bushlands, wetlands, river foreshores and waterways.
- Preventing pollution and ecosystem damage by addressing operational risks and environmental impacts.
- Reducing waste to landfill through efficient resource use and improved resource recovery.
- Reducing the City’s corporate carbon emissions by increasing the use of zero emission alternatives.
- Banning single use disposable plastics through its Environmental Purchasing Policy and consideration of life cycle impacts in procurement.
- Implementing measures to ‘future proof’ City operations against the predicted impacts of climate change.
- Complying with relevant environmental legislation and other compliance obligations.

## Policy Detail

The City of Belmont will –

- Review its environmental aspects and associated environmental impacts (“environmental” risks) as they relate to the organisational structure and scope, identifying significant environmental aspects to be addressed by organisational controls.
- Develop an organisation-wide Environment and Sustainability Strategy and Implementation Plan to document strategic objectives, targets and indicators and assign responsibilities, timeframes, and resource requirements to achieve them.
- Monitor environmental performance against significant environmental aspects, compliance obligations and environmental objectives, reporting on outcomes to management.

- Consider environmental risks and opportunities in City operations, procurement, decision-making and the development of corporate policies, strategies and plans.
- Ensure future environmental impacts are considered through appropriate land use planning and development controls.
- Maintain organisational awareness of current and emerging environmental issues relevant to the City of Belmont.
- Maintain a compliance obligation register, communicating environmental legislative requirements to appropriate employees.
- Communicate the City's environmental performance and achievements to the community through Council's Annual Report to influence behaviour change and the uptake of environmental initiatives.

## **Responsibilities**

The development of the environmental management system and this policy is the responsibility of the Executive Leadership Team.

Its implementation is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer.

The application of this policy is the responsibility of all City employees and those working under the City's control.

## **Reference/Associated Documents**

AS/ NZS ISO 14001- Environmental Management Systems standards

Policy 40 – Work Health and Safety

Policy 38 - Risk Management

Policy 41 - Quality

Policy 45 - Environmental Purchasing

## **Reference to Internal Procedure**

BelNet Related Process Maps and Work Instructions

## **Definitions**

N/A

This Policy is supported by:		
Policy No:	CP46	
Strategic Community Plan:	<p><b>Goal 1: Liveable Belmont</b>  <b>Strategy:</b> 1.5 Encourage and educate the community to embrace sustainable and healthy lifestyles</p> <p><b>Goal 2: Connected Belmont</b>  <b>Strategy:</b> 2.2 Make our City more enjoyable, connected and safe for walking and cycling</p> <p><b>Goal 3: Natural Belmont</b>  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.1 Protect and enhance our natural environment  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.2 Improve our River and waterways  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.3 Keep our City clean  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.4 Provide green spaces for recreation, relaxation and enjoyment  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.5 Promote energy and water efficiency, renewable energy sources, and reduce emissions and waste  <b>Strategy:</b> 3.6 Encourage sustainable development to guide built form</p> <p><b>Goal 5: Responsible Belmont</b>  <b>Strategy:</b> 5.2 Manage the City's assets and financial resources in a responsible manner and provide the best possible services for the community</p>	
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