



City of Belmont
STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL)
MINUTES
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**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD
IN THE RIVERVALE ROOM, CITY OF BELMONT CIVIC CENTRE, 215 WRIGHT
STREET, CLOVERDALE ON MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2019 COMMENCING AT
6.30PM.**

MINUTES

PRESENT

Cr Wolff (Presiding Member)	South Ward
Cr Ryan (Deputy Presiding Member)	East Ward
Cr Marks (Ex Officio)	East Ward
Cr Cayoun	West Ward

ATTENDANCE

Mr J Christie	Chief Executive Officer
Mr A Sheridan	Director Infrastructure Services
Mr W Stephens	Manager Parks and Environment
Ms N Davey	Coordinator Environment
Ms J Barnes	Senior Governance Officer

OBSERVERS

Cr R Rossi, JP, Deputy Mayor	West Ward
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1. OFFICIAL OPENING

6.30pm The Presiding Member welcomed all those in attendance and declared the meeting open.

The Presiding Member read the Acknowledgement of Country.

Before I begin I would like to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today, the Noongar Whadjuk people, and pay respect to Elders past, present and future leaders.

2. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nil.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST THAT MIGHT CAUSE A CONFLICT

3.1 FINANCIAL INTERESTS

Nil.

3.2 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST THAT MAY AFFECT IMPARTIALITY

Nil.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING MEMBER (WITHOUT DISCUSSION)

4.1 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil.

4.2 DECLARATIONS BY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO ALL MATTERS CONTAINED IN THE BUSINESS PAPERS PRESENTLY BEFORE THE MEETING

Nil.

5. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**5.1 STANDING COMMITTEE (ENVIRONMENTAL) MEETING HELD 19 NOVEMBER 2018
(Circulated under separate cover)**

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MARKS MOVED, CAYOUN SECONDED,

That the Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 19 November 2018 be confirmed as a true and accurate record.

CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0

**6. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS ON WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN
(WITHOUT DISCUSSION)**

Nil.

**7. NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY PERSON
PRESIDING OR BY DECISION**

Nil.

8. QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

Questions raised were responded to as follows:

- The Standing Committee (Environmental) Terms of Reference are currently being reviewed and will be brought to a future meeting for consideration.
- For the last four years, a list of trees required is sent to suppliers. Officers then meet with the suppliers and inspect the trees throughout the growing phase. The trees are marked on the bag to ensure the City is supplied with the specific trees selected.
- Once the trees are planted, the City cares for them for a minimum of two years; however, it is often three years.

9. BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

Nil.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

Nil.

11. ITEMS REQUIRING RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

11.1 DRAFT URBAN FOREST POLICY

NATURAL BELMONT

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

<u>Attachment No</u>	<u>Details</u>
Attachment 1 – Item 11.1 refers	Draft Urban Forest Policy

Voting Requirement	:	Simple Majority
Subject Index	:	20/003: Environment Plan
Location/Property Index	:	N/A
Application Index	:	N/A
Disclosure of any Interest	:	Nil
Previous Items	:	Information Forum 12 March 2019 Item 6.4
Applicant	:	N/A
Owner	:	N/A
Responsible Division	:	Infrastructure Services

COUNCIL ROLE

- Advocacy** *When Council advocates on its own behalf or on behalf of its community to another level of government/body/agency.*
- Executive** *The substantial direction setting and oversight role of the Council eg adopting plans and reports, accepting tenders, directing operations, setting and amending budgets.*
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- Review** *When Council reviews decisions made by Officers.*
- Quasi-Judicial** *When Council determines an application/matter that directly affect a person's right and interests. The judicial character arises from the obligation to abide by the principles of natural justice. Examples of quasi-judicial authority include local planning applications, building licences, applications for other permits/licences (eg under Health Act, Dog Act or Local Laws) and other decisions that may be appealable to the State Administrative Tribunal.*

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the Urban Forest Policy to Council for endorsement.

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SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

The Urban Forest Policy (the Policy) provides for a Council endorsed commitment to the urban forest and its associated values.

The Policy outlines the City's position on:

- tree planting
- tree retention and protection
- tree pruning
- tree removal and replacement; and
- offsets required to maintain a net increase in tree planting.

The adoption of the Policy will demonstrate the City's recognition of the urban forest and its associated values, including those relating to community health, environmental conservation, ecological services, social and cultural wellbeing and economic contributions.

The Policy will also provide a consistent approach to tree management issues, including decisions around tree pruning and tree requests.

LOCATION

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Internal

The Policy was developed by a project team within Parks and Environment with internal input from the following Departments:

- Planning Services
- Works
- Building Services
- City Projects
- Design and Assets
- Infrastructure Development
- Governance
- Risk and Business Continuity.

This consultation identified that the scope of this Policy relates to only those trees on City controlled lands (streetscapes, recreational reserves, City managed land) and therefore trees on private lands have been excluded. Trees on private lands are required to be addressed through the Local Planning Scheme and through a Local Planning Policy (eg provision of trees on development sites or replacement trees).

Development of the Policy has involved significant consultation through the Operational Leadership Team (OLT) and input from the Executive Leadership Team (ELT).

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External

This Policy has not required external stakeholder engagement or consultation.

Notwithstanding this, consultation with the community on the Draft Canopy Plan (operational plan) identified the need for policy that addressed tree management issues, particularly those pertaining to the retention of trees on private property, tree provision in streetscapes, and consistent management approaches (ie pruning requests). Whilst this Policy addresses some of these issues, those that cannot be addressed will be used to inform future policy opportunities.

In addition to this, the scope and detail of the Policy has been informed through the review of one Local Government Association Policy, one Regional Council Policy and 25 Local Government Policies (refer Table 1).

Table 1: Policies used to inform Draft Urban Forest Policy

GOVERNANCE LEVEL	STATE	ORGANISATION	POLICY NAME
LG Association	NSW	Local Government Association	LGA Urban Forest Policy
Local Government	NSW	City of Sydney	Tree Management Policy
		Willoughby City Council	Urban Tree Management
Local Government	QLD	City of Ipswich	Urban Forest Policy
	SA	Campbelltown City Council	Tree Management Policy
		City of Burnside	Tree Management
		City of Holdfast Bay	Tree Management Policy
		City of Mitcham	14.3 Tree Policy
		City of West Torrens	Urban Tree Management
		Mount Barker District Council	Urban Forest Policy
		Town of Walkerville	Tree Management
	VIC	City of Greater Geelong	Tree Management Policy
		City of Melbourne	Tree Retention and Removal Policy
		City of Yarra	City of Yarra Street Tree Policy
	WA	City of Gosnells	Policy No. CP 2.3.9 Street Trees
		City of Kwinana	Street Trees and Verge Treatments
		City of South Perth	P306 Urban Forest
P350.5 Trees on Development Sites and Street Verges			
Policy P205 Tree Preservation			
City of Stirling		Street and Reserve Trees Policy	
Shire of Ravensthorpe		WS 10 Urban Revegetation and Greening	
		WS 11 Dangerous Trees on Private Property	
Town of Bassendean		WS 9 Street Trees	
City of Melville		Local Planning Policy No 13 - Trees on Development Sites	
	CP-029 Street Tree Policy		
Regional Council	QLD	Western Downs Regional Council	CP-102 Urban Forest and Green Space Policy
			Urban Street Trees - Council Policy

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STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Strategic Community Plan Key Result Area: Natural Belmont.

Objective: Protect and enhance our natural environment

Strategy: Ensure the City has policies and practices that safeguard and enhance the natural environment.

Corporate Key Action: 254: Implement the Operational Plan in support of the Urban Forest Strategy

Note: it was identified by ELT that a Policy was required to enable the efficient implementation of the Urban Forest Strategy and therefore it's Operational Plan.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are currently no Policy implications.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

BACKGROUND

In 2014 Council endorsed the City's Urban Forest Strategy, with an initial target to return tree canopy cover back to a minimum of 2001 equivalent levels. Since 2014, the City has increased tree planting in streetscapes and recreational reserves and has undertaken community engagement and consultation to inform the Draft Canopy Plan (operational plan). The Urban Forest Strategy, the Draft Canopy Plan, and operational actions have sought to increase tree canopy cover.

However, the Urban Forest Strategy and Draft Canopy Plan have been developed in the absence of an overarching Policy which outlines Council's commitment to the maintaining, protecting and enhancing of its urban forest.

The Policy recognises the importance of the urban forest as a community asset that when applied equitably and consistently:

- Provides multiple social, environmental, ecological and economic benefits
- Reduces and mitigates the Urban Heat Island Effect
- Supports urban liveability and healthy communities
- Helps build the City's identity and improves the aesthetics and amenity of streetscapes and public spaces
- Contributes to the objectives of the Strategic Community Plan.

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By endorsing and adopting the Policy, Council is demonstrating its commitment to:

- Engaging and working collaboratively with the community and key stakeholders to implement its urban forest vision
- Managing trees as a collective (rather than as individuals) to achieve the retention and enhancement of a diverse, healthy, fit for purpose, low risk and sustainable urban forest
- Adopting a design philosophy for City works projects which places a priority on pedestrian amenity, landscaping and shade trees
- Increasing canopy cover within streetscapes, public open space and City managed land
- Ensuring that, through the implementation of current industry best practices and standards, all trees are able to grow to their full arboricultural potential
- No net loss of canopy cover on City managed land.

OFFICER COMMENT

The City has historically managed trees on City lands in the absence of a Policy, with tree management decisions made on a “case by case” basis and informed by arboricultural and horticultural expertise. This approach has ensured that trees were managed to provide amenity and environmental value at the lowest possible risk to human health and/or infrastructure.

By adopting the Policy, tree management expectations and the Council’s position on ‘common tree complaint areas’, are understood and endorsed. While the determination process will still utilise a “case by case” approach and still requires specialised input, each tree determination/decision will be made in the context of the Policy and the management of the urban forest as a collective of trees.

As a result, the Policy seeks to clarify:

- When the City will remove or prune a street tree
- The City’s expectations when street trees are removed
- How the City proposes to increase streetscape amenity and planting
- Powers and penalties that the City *may* use if a street tree was to be vandalised
- How the City proposes to maintain a net tree increase.

Adoption of the Policy (together with the existing Urban Forest Strategy) will assist in supporting the management and prevention of undesirable urban liveability outcomes such as increasing urban heat, poor air quality, low streetscape amenity, poor stormwater quality and poor community health and cohesion. By increasing tree canopy cover, urban environments can become much more appealing, vibrant, healthy, cooler and attractive places to live or recreate.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The majority of the policy commitments reflect existing operational processes and therefore do not have financial implications. However, as this Policy includes a commitment to a design philosophy for City projects that places a priority on pedestrian amenity, landscaping and shade trees, there will likely be financial implications in future budgets associated with individual designs (to incorporate amenity landscaping and shade trees).

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ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Endorsement of the Policy will assist in environmental conservation, urban heat mitigation and preservation of ecological services.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The City will continue to work closely with individuals on street tree issues and complaints, and it is anticipated that the Policy will result in beneficial social outcomes. Community consultation on the Canopy Plan has identified the need for Policy that better supports tree management decisions.

COMMITTEE NOTES

A series of questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- The Director Community and Statutory Services is currently investigating what changes may be made through the planning process in the future to protect trees within Development Applications.
- On average the City is planting more trees than are being lost.
- The City of Stirling has introduced a planning condition regarding trees on private lots. Trees over a certain size have to be retained or replaced.
- Any vulnerable people in the community impacted by the new policy will be supported by community services who can contact volunteer groups to help clear up their garden as required.
- The draft Canopy Plan will be presented at a future Information Forum, although this is an operational document.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MARKS MOVED, RYAN SECONDED,

That the Standing Committee (Environmental) endorse and recommend to Council, the adoption of the Urban Forest Policy ([Attachment 1](#)).

CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0

11.2 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CITY OF BELMONT ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (2019 VERSION)

NATURAL BELMONT

ATTACHMENT DETAILS

Attachment No	Details
Attachment 2 – Item 11.2 refers	<u>Proposed changes to Environment and Sustainability Strategy – With Track Changes</u>
Attachment 3 – Item 11.2 refers	<u>Revised Environment and Sustainability Strategy (2019 version)</u>
Tabled Attachment 1 – Item 11.2 refers	<u>2019 Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy Presentation</u>

Voting Requirement	:	Simple Majority
Subject Index	:	20/003: Environment Plan
Location/Property Index	:	N/A
Application Index	:	N/A
Disclosure of any Interest	:	Nil
Previous Items	:	24 April 2018 Ordinary Council Meeting Item 12.4
Applicant	:	N/A
Owner	:	N/A
Responsible Division	:	Technical Services

COUNCIL ROLE

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PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the revised City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2019 version) to Council for endorsement.

Item 11.2 Continued

SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

A minor annual review has been undertaken of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021.

The proposed changes are being presented to the Standing Committee (Environmental) for comment, prior to referral of the updated Strategy to Council for endorsement.

The revised Strategy will take effect from 1 July 2019 and expires on 30 June 2021.

LOCATION

Not applicable.

CONSULTATION

Councillors were invited to contribute towards the minor annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy. A response to the suggestions received has been provided to Councillors in a memorandum.

The EMRC's Environmental Services team also contributed to the review.

STRATEGIC COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLICATIONS

In accordance with the Strategic Community Plan Key Result Area: Natural Belmont.

Objective: Protect and enhance our natural environment

Strategy: Ensure the City has policies and practices that safeguard and enhance the natural environment.

Corporate Key Action: 212: Conduct annual review of the City of Belmont's Environmental & Sustainability Policy & Strategy

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The Environment and Sustainability Policy (Council Policy NB3) states that the City of Belmont will develop, implement and regularly review an organisation-wide Environment and Sustainability Strategy.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no specific statutory requirements in respect to this matter.

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BACKGROUND

The City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 was endorsed by Council on 27 July 2016 and provides strategic direction for environmental activities throughout the City.

As per the 'Environment and Sustainability Policy' (Council Policy NB3), the City is committed to the development, implementation and regular review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy. Annual review of the Strategy is undertaken prior to preparation of the budget each year.

OFFICER COMMENT

Recommended changes to the Environment and Sustainability Strategy have been identified, relating to:

- Update to background information
- Deletion of actions from the "New Action" tables that have been completed
- Deletion of ongoing actions that are no longer implemented
- Addition of new actions or rewording of existing actions
- Alteration to timeframes, priority and/ or responsible officer.

The proposed changes as shown as track changes in [Attachment 2](#) include:

- Replace references to carbon emissions with greenhouse gas emissions, to encompass all emissions contributing to the greenhouse effect and global warming
- Amendment to the layout of the 'Relevant Corporate Documents' diagram to assist with interpretation
- Removal of reference document; Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan and inclusion of replacement Climate Change Risk Assessment: Synthesis Report
- Updates to previous achievements tables
- Inclusion of the recently established Belmont and Bayswater Rivercare Association as a stakeholder
- Minor changes to references to the Greenstamp Program
- Name changes to internal Departments/ Divisions and changed responsibility for waste management from Health and Community Safety to Works
- Update to *Qualitative Measures of Consequence* risk definition table for environmental risks
- Minor amendments to the background section under Land Use Planning and Development Control (Corporate Philosophy)
- Extension of timeframe for actions dependent on other factors e.g. gazettal of the consolidated local law, coordination with other strategies/ documents
- Inclusion of ongoing actions introduced over the past year (Nespresso pod recycling, Kooda organic waste composting and promotion of The Last Straw)
- Inclusion of environmental performance targets for the Faulkner Civic Precinct Community Centre, due to Green Star requirement to demonstrate organisational commitment
- Deletion of ongoing action: Participate in the ACER (Achieving Carbon Emissions Reduction) program being coordinated by the EMRC, due to withdrawal as of 30 June 2019

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- The ongoing action in relation to worm farms and compost bins has been amended due to limited community interest and lack of storage space. Discounts on worm farms and compost bins are available to City of Belmont residents through the Rewards for Residents Program.
- 'New action' tables:
 - Deletion of actions either already completed in 2018-2019 or anticipated to be complete by 30 June 2019. These have been moved to the 'previous achievements' table
 - Inclusion of new Action 2.3 'Review Community Contribution Fund criteria to consider category for environmental awareness initiatives and eligibility for schools'
 - Modification to measurable outcome for action 5.3 to include installation of a solar PV system at the Operations Centre in 2019
 - Inclusion of a new Action 5.6: 'Undertake a Water Sensitive Cities Index benchmarking workshop'
 - Inclusion of a new Action 5.7: 'Participate in EMRC's Regional Benchmarking Building Efficiency Project'
 - Inclusion of a new Action 5.9: 'Develop a plan for the phased introduction of a three bin Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection system'
- Amendments to reflect the changed role of the Standing Committee (Environmental). In particular the measurable outcome for several actions has been amended to report outcomes in the Divisional Report or to Councillors, rather than the Committee.
- Modification to the Climate Change chapter to reflect recent review of climate change risks, which will supersede the Local Climate Change Adaptation Action Plan
- Minor changes to the acronym list in Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated cost of implementing individual new actions is documented in each Chapter of Part II of the Strategy.

The additional direct financial costs arising from the 2019 review include:

- Action 5.6: 'Undertake a Water Sensitive Cities Index benchmarking workshop' (subject to Water Corporation funding), at a cost of \$805 for EMRC support
- Action 5.7: 'Participate in EMRC's Regional Benchmarking Building Efficiency Project', at a cost of \$18,500 in 2019-2020 and (if Stages 2-4 proceed) \$12,500 in 2020-2021.

The City has reviewed its involvement in some EMRC Environmental Programmes for Financial Year 2019/2020. As a result, the City will be withdrawing from:

- Climate Action & Heat Havens (Future Proofing)
- Energy & Emissions Action (part of Achieving Carbon Emission Reduction)
- Water Action & Waterwise Council (Water Quality and Conservation)

This will result in savings of \$38,765 usually budgeted under 996002 (Services- Other Consultants) that can be used for the above actions.

The primary reason for withdrawal is due to the City now having sufficient resources of its own and therefore the ability to progress most environmental initiatives in-house.

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In addition, some of the deliverables proposed are of limited benefit or duplicate work already undertaken by City staff in the 2018/2019 EMRC Programme Plans or by other agencies/groups such as 'Switch your thinking' or Local Emergency Management arrangements. For other services, such as facilitating the Water Sensitive Cities Index benchmarking workshop, the City would prefer to engage EMRC on a fee for service basis if the activity is confirmed to proceed.

The cost of implementing all remaining actions, both ongoing and new, is included in existing maintenance, capital renewal/upgrade or operating budgets, or is accounted for in the Corporate Business Plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

Continuous improvement through annual review of the Environment and Sustainability Strategy will assist the City's ability to protect and enhance the natural environment.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Environment and Sustainability Strategy is anticipated to result in a beneficial social impact, particularly via the 'Community Awareness, Engagement and Behaviour Change' theme, which aims to -

"engage with the wider Belmont residential and business community to promote and encourage involvement in environmental programmes, sustainable behaviour change and minimise risk of pollution incidence".

COMMITTEE NOTES

The 2019 Annual Review – Environment and Sustainability Strategy presentation included the following:

- Timeline
- 2018/19 actions – completed
- Changes – general
- Changes to ongoing actions
- Changes to new actions' tables
- Proposed new actions
- What makes a City water sensitive?
- Urban Water Transitions Framework
- The Water Sensitive Cities (WSC) Index is designed to
- Benefits
- Outcomes
- Web based report tool
- Benchmarking Building Efficiency
- Benchmarking Building Efficiency regional project
- Thank you and questions?

(Refer [Tabled Attachment 1](#) for further information).

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Questions were asked and responded to as follows:

- Participating in the Water Sensitive Cities (WSC) Index benchmarking workshop will assist the City to meet Waterwise Councils Gold Standard, due to alignment of criteria with the WSC Index goals and indicators.
- The Stakeholder Management Plan will be reviewed this year and the establishment of an Environmental Advisory Group will be considered at that time.
- Consultation with environmental stakeholders is undertaken for specific projects and/or upgrades.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

MARKS MOVED, CAYOUN SECONDED,

That Council endorse the City of Belmont Environment and Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021 (2019 version) ([Attachment 3](#)), to take effect from 1 July 2019.

CARRIED 4 VOTES TO 0

12. REGISTER UPDATE OF ITEMS

Officer responses to the *Register Update of Items* from the Environment Committee meeting on 9 November 2018 are listed below.

Date Submitted	Item No.	Item Heading	Responsible Officer	Officer Comment
14.11.16	10.2	City of Stirling-Tree Protection and Retention - Private Land and Verges	Manager Parks and Environment	<p>A draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented to an Information Forum to inform all Councillors. <i>A Draft of the Canopy Plan will be presented to a Councillor Information Forum in early 2019.</i></p> <p><i>The Manager Parks and Environment undertook at the 25 March 2019 meeting to update all Councillors on the progress made by the City of Stirling by memo.</i></p>
19.11.18	10.1	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan Implementation: September-October 2018	Coordinator Environment	<p>The Coordinator Environment agreed to contact 350.org to investigate why the City of Belmont is not mentioned as the amendment to the City's Investment Policy has been in place for over 18 months and encourages investment in Institutions that do not lend to fossil fuels.</p> <p><i>COMPLETED. The relevant website is gofossilfree.org.au, and the reason given for the City's exclusion is that the current wording in the Investment Policy only requires consideration (rather than preference) for ADI's that do not fund fossil fuels in Australia. Refer to progress comment against Action 6.4 (Attachment 1) for proposed policy amendment.</i></p>

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Date Submitted	Item No.	Item Heading	Responsible Officer	Officer Comment
19.11.18	10.1	Progress of Environment and Sustainability Strategy and TravelSmart Plan Implementation: September-October 2018	Manager Parks & Environment	As part of the Canopy Plan and in light of the recent investigations, the City will consider the future of the recently planted Callistemon Kings Park Specials and investigate whether younger trees need to be replaced. COMPLETED. Planting of Callistemon Kings Park Specials has been limited to three trees only in 2019. Future plantings will be restricted to those sites where no other suitable option exists. Recently planted trees should have a life span of 30+ years and are appropriate for the sites in which they were planted so there are no plans to replace them.
19.11.18	10.3	Waterwise Council Update	Environmental Officer	The Environmental Officer undertook to include an article in a future Belmont Bulletin promoting the water sensitive urban design aspects of the carpark. COMPLETED. An article was submitted for publication in the March 2019 edition of the Business Talk newsletter promoting alternative carpark design, which included Esther Street carpark.
19.11.18	10.4	Civic Centre Waste Audit	Coordinator Environment	Coordinator Environment agreed to discuss with the Manager Marketing and Communications about providing recycling bins at all functions held in the Civic Centre. COMPLETED. A 60L Ecobins for recycling (yellow lid) and general waste (red lid) were provided for use in the Function Room and a new recycling bin organised for the bar. The Functions Officer advised that previously they manually sorted the general waste from recyclables.

13. NEXT MEETING


The next meeting of the Standing Committee (Environmental) will be advised.

14. CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Presiding Member thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.27pm.

MINUTES CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that these Minutes of the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting held 25 March 2019 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Standing Committee (Environmental) Meeting 10 June 2019:

Signed by the Person Presiding: _____ 

PRINT name of the Person Presiding: **STEPHEN WOLFF**
