



Council Policy Manual

WEST WIMMERA SHIRE COUNCIL

COUNCIL POLICY	
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY	Policy No:
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Senior Manager:	Director Infrastructure Development & Works
Responsible Officer:	Planning & Environmental Manager
Functional Area:	Planning & Environment
Introduction & Background	<p>West Wimmera Shire is committed to providing high quality services within our Shire in such a way as to protect and improve the urban and rural environment for present and future citizens.</p> <p>We will work closely with our Contractors, the Community, Industry, the Environment Protection Authority and other organisations, and establish means by which our employees can make a positive contribution to achieve innovative and cost effective environmental outcomes.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>Responsible management of environmental issues is an essential part of achieving our business objectives. Accordingly, we are committed to conducting our business and managing our affairs in ways aimed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure that, in our operations, the health and safety of our employees, persons visiting our sites, customers and the public at large are properly safeguarded; • continually improve our awareness and management of environmental issues, and avoid, reduce or control pollution from our operations; • promote the open exchange of environmental information with customers, suppliers and the community to improve environmental awareness and to obtain feedback on environmental performance; • comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and with other requirements to which we subscribe; • require contractors and suppliers to establish and implement policies and practices which accord with our policies and objectives; • ensure that environmental factors, including energy conservation, waste minimisation and sustainability principles, are integrated into project evaluation and Shire operations • promote environmental factors, including energy conservation, waste minimisation and sustainability principles, within the operations of our customers.



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Policy Details	
1.	<p>Environmental Plan</p> <p>West Wimmera Shire through its Councillors, Management and Employees, will ensure its operations comply with this policy by implementing and maintaining a Environmental Plan which is integrated with the Council's policies, processes, operations and systems.</p>
2.	<p>Minimum Undertakings of Environmental Plan</p> <p>The Environmental Plan will, as a minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set clear policy direction; • require that an Environment Improvement Plan which sets clear environmental objectives and targets is established, implemented and reviewed in consultation with the community; • require regular monitoring of environmental performance indicators and systematic environmental auditing of West Wimmera Shire's sites and activities; ensure reporting of Council environmental performance to the public. • Reference the Municipal Strategic Statement in the West Wimmera Planning Scheme.
3.	<p>Certification Standards</p> <p>Certification standards will aim to achieve AS/NZS ISO 14001 requirements.</p>

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