



# ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

DCSB-EM-05.03

Keywords: Environment

Classification	Environmental Management
Review Frequency	Biennial
Next Review Date	December 2014
Responsible Officer	Chief Executive Officer
Council File Reference	05.063.001.001
Related Policies	
Applicable Legislation	<i>Local Government Act, 1999</i>

## 1.0 Introduction

This policy outlines Council's position in relation to its duties and obligations imposed through environmental legislation and Council's Strategic Management Plan.

## 2.0 Policy Objective

The objective of the policy is to outline Council's position on environmental matters and provide guidance on the implementation of environmental legislation.

## 3.0 Scope

The policy applies to all actions and decisions taken by Council and staff in relation to the environment within the Council district.

## 4.0 Policy

In all its activities Council is committed to;

- 4.1 Compliance with legislation and regulations
- 4.2 Continual desire for improvement in environmental performance
- 4.3 Avoidance of environmental harm and minimisation of impacts
- 4.4 Investigating the merit in developing plans that set objectives and targets for environmental performance
- 4.5 Encourage public involvement in resource management and planning
- 4.6 Promoting public education about protection, restoration and enhancement of the environment
- 4.7 Promoting the sharing of responsibility for resource management and planning between the different spheres of government, community and industry.
- 4.8 Promoting decision making that protects and enhances the quality of the environment
- 4.9 The prevention of environmental degradation and adverse risks to human and ecosystem health with promotion of pollution prevention, clean production technology,

reuse and recycling of materials and waste minimisation programs where appropriate and efficient.

- 4.10 Promoting control of the generation, storage, collection, transportation, treatment and disposal of waste with a view to reducing, minimising and where practicable and costs efficient eliminating harm to the environment
- 4.11 Adopting appropriate work practices that minimise the effects that the Council has on the environment
- 4.12 Train and educate its employees and advise contractors in respect of the environmental policies and objectives
- 4.13 Enforcing regulations and providing advice on matters of public and environmental health to local business, industry and the local community
- 4.14 Implement policies which seek to balance development requirements with the protection and conservation of the natural and built environment

**5.0 Delegations**

There are no delegations listed under this policy.

**6.0 Policy Review**

This policy shall be reviewed on a biennial basis. The review of this policy is the responsibility of Works Manager.

**7.0 Records Management**

All records shall be kept and disposed of in accordance with Council’s Document Control Policy, Records Management Policy and Procedure and the Local Government General Disposal Schedule 20.

**8.0 Availability of Policy**

The policy will be available for inspection at the Council’s principal office during ordinary business hours at no charge. Copies of this policy may be obtained upon request at a cost to be determined by Council from time to time.

**9.0 References**

District Council of Streaky Bay Strategic Management Plan

**Policy Details**

VERSION	DATE ADOPTED	MINUTE BOOK NUMBER
V1.0	20 Dec 2012	245/12