

Environmental Policy

POLICY OVERVIEW

The Central Coast Council is committed to its Strategic Plan vision of 'leading a growing and innovative community, valuing our culture and natural resources'. To assist in achieving this vision the Council has established sustainability as one of the four platforms for the future of Central Coast in the Strategic Framework for Settlement and Investment. The sustainability platform strategically positions Council to take a holistic and creative approach to sustainability, based on a deep appreciation of biophysical, social and economic resources, their values and their interrelationships.

POLICY

Central Coast Council will incorporate the principles of sustainability into our business and management systems and decision making processes, to ensure the sound management, protection and development of the natural and built environment.

To achieve this we will:

- Comply with and where practical, exceed the requirements of relevant legislation, policies and standards to continually improve our environmental performance;
- Provide clear and consistent guidelines to employees and contractors on best practice environmental management;
- Support and implement waste reduction, reuse and recycling programs;
- Reduce resource consumption, and greenhouse gas emissions, including energy and fuel use;
- Give purchase preference, where feasible, to reusable, recycled and environmentally friendly products;
- Prevent pollution at its source and continually improve Council's response to pollution impacts to minimise their impact and occurrence;
- Identify the concerns of the community regarding environmental issues and respond to information received;
- Adequately resource the implementation of the policy; and
- Undertake annual State of the Environment reporting.

Through the implementation of this policy, the Council aims to be a leader and champion of sustainability and environmental best practice and will continue to inform our community on initiatives and strategies to be adopted and review our environmental performance regularly.

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