

 Central Highlands Regional Council	CENTRAL HIGHLANDS REGIONAL COUNCIL POLICY	
	Environmental Policy	POLICY REF NO CHRCP: 0056

1.0 Policy Purpose

- 1.1 Pursuant to State and Federal legislation, council has a broad range of obligations in respect to protection of the environment. The legislation relates to developmental activities that impact the environment and prescribed or other activities that have potential for environmental nuisance or environmental harm.
- 1.2 In addition to meeting legislative obligations, council is committed to a workplace that actively works towards continual improvement in its environmental management and performance.

2.0 Policy Statement

- 2.1 Recognise and comply with the requirements, intent and objectives of all relevant State and Commonwealth legislation.
- 2.2 Develop and implement environmental policies, strategies and action plans for key areas that have potential for improved environmental outcomes (e.g. emissions of water quality).
- 2.3 Implement processes for identifying environmental threats, hazards, assessing risks, controlling environmental impacts and reporting issues to the regulator.
- 2.4 Develop and implement environmental management protocols, procedures and plans to identify risks and mitigation measures to eliminate, reduce or control actual and potential adverse impacts on the environment by council's environmentally relevant activities and any other activity that has potential to cause environmental nuisance or harm.
- 2.5 Ensure all employees, contractors and subcontractors are made aware of and abide by the requirements of this policy and any relevant environmental management protocols, procedures and plans.
- 2.6 Provide support to other agencies in the investigation response and management of pollution incidents within the council area.
- 2.7 Support staff to remain up to date on best practice for environmental protection in relation to activities council undertakes.
- 2.8 Provide environmental inductions training, information and supervision to all employees, contractors and subcontractors undertaking activities with potential for causing environmental nuisance or harm.
- 2.9 Provide resources and support for a workplace with work methods that are safe and environmentally sustainable.
- 2.10 Ensure that all assets, plant, equipment and tools are maintained to manufacturer's specifications, so their use is safe for the environment as well as employees.

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- 2.11 Manage environmental emissions by implementing best practice environmental management guidelines and procedures wherever possible.
- 2.12 Integrate processes within day to day activities that ensure the best possible environmental outcomes in everything we do.
- 2.13 Incorporate waste prevention, minimisation, reuse and recycling in all of council's activities.
- 2.14 Maintain communication and consultation with the community regarding environmental issues.
- 2.15 Strive to be a community leader in environmental management.

Strategic Link	Chapter 1, Part 2 (3) and (5) Environmental Protection Act 1994 (Qld)
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