# Policy Manual



## 4.4 Environment Council Recognition

### **Objective**

To recognise the importance of our environment.

#### **Policy**

- 1. The term 'environment' means living things, their physical, biological and social surroundings, and interaction between all of these.
- 2. The good management of the environment is a primary task of the Council and should be considered in all of Council's decisions.
- 3. Council decisions affecting the environment shall be based on the development of sound policies developed through consultation with the community.
- 4. A coordinated approach to all environmental matters is required. Activities of the Council should be coordinated with each other as well as with those of outside bodies wherever necessary to ensure that maximum benefit is obtained.
- 5. The Council will initiate measures to identify environmental issues important to the residents of the Shire and will take action as necessary to address those issues.
- 6. The Council will inform the public of issues concerning the environment through press releases, and other methods as appropriate.
- 7. Council will encourage the use of calico bags as an alternative to plastic.
- 8. Council will develop alternative administration processes to reduce the amount of paper required in Councils Minutes and Agendas, Councillors will use an electronic means to receive correspondence from Council.

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