

8.6 Uranium

Objective

To establish the Shire of East Pilbara position on the development and exportation of uranium.

Background

There is generally only a minor role for Councils to play in any regulatory sense in relation to uranium. This is typically confined to matters of transportation and specifically around how uranium oxide is transported through Council areas to port. Council however would like to make comment on their position of the development and exportation of uranium.

Policy

1. The Shire is, in principle, in favour of the development and exportation of uranium for peaceful purposes.
2. The Shire supports, in principle, Australia's Uranium Export Policy, which permits the export of uranium for peaceful, non-explosive purposes under Australia's network of bilateral safeguard agreements.
3. Council believes that any proposal to transport uranium oxide through the Shire of East Pilbara should be considered on the objective merits of a full economic and environmental appraisal.
4. Council will only approve transportation of uranium oxide subject to world best practice environmental, health and safety standards.

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