

Brisbane City Council's Environmental Policy EM001

Overview

As part of our long-term community plan, our vision is that Brisbane will continue to be a safe, vibrant, green and prosperous city. A city valued by all for its friendly, energetic and optimistic character and subtropical outdoor lifestyle. Brisbane City Council's Environmental Policy is central to meeting this vision and recognises our environmental responsibilities related to managing the city and serving the community of Brisbane.

Our role includes: developing, implementing and regulating environmental policy and standards; waste management; public transport; construction and maintenance works; land use planning and management; and providing public amenities, parks and gardens. Brisbane City Council aims to prevent, manage and minimise environmental impacts associated with our activities, while conserving and enhancing the city's biodiversity and environmental quality, thereby maintaining and creating healthy surroundings for our community.

Policy

Brisbane City Council will incorporate the principles of ecologically-sustainable development into our business and management systems and decision-making processes, to ensure the city's environment and resource efficiency improves over time.

Council will achieve this through the following actions.

- Comply with and where practical, exceed the requirements of relevant legislation, policy and standards to continually improve our environmental performance.
- Work in partnership with the Brisbane community and regional organisations to enhance the city's environmental quality, while respecting cultural, social and economic values.
- Regularly assess and audit our environmental performance and the effectiveness of our environmental management systems.
- Improve our environmental performance through setting and reviewing measurable objectives and targets.
- Ensure our employees, suppliers and contractors are aware of and able to respond to their environmental responsibilities.
- Support and implement waste reduction, reuse, recycling and resource recovery programs.
- Reduce resource consumption, including energy use.
- Give purchase preference, where feasible, to reusable, recycled and environmentally-friendly products.
- Improve environmental outcomes by developing innovative regulatory policy for industry and the community.
- Prevent pollution at its source and continually improve Council's response to pollution incidents to minimise their impacts and occurrence.

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

