

Waverley Council Environment Policy



The activities and decisions of Waverley Council have a significant impact on the health of our local and regional ecosystems and our community. Waverley is responsible for delivering a variety of services to the public as well as protecting, conserving and enhancing our natural environment. Council acknowledges that to meet our statutory and community obligations the principals of ecological sustainability development (ESD) must be applied across all of its operations and fostered in the community.

We are committed to maintaining or enhancing the health of our natural environment and the well being and equity of our community for current and future generations.

Our Vision

Waverley should be a place where the natural environment is valued, respected, and carefully managed for public benefit and future generations and where sound urban planning ensures outstanding local amenity and ecological and economic sustainability. (*Waverley Council Management Plan 2004-2007*)

Operational Response to our Vision

Through the Waverley Council Management Plan we will set objectives, targets, and measures that will reflect the Council's commitment to:

1. Complying with all the relevant Commonwealth and State environment legislation, regulations, standards, policies and initiatives.
2. Minimising the adverse environmental impacts of development through the integration of the principles of ESD into our built form planning instruments.
3. Developing an Environmental Management System, to identify, minimise and monitor environmental impacts of Council operations and provision of services.
4. Preventing and minimising adverse environmental impacts from incidents or accidents that release pollution into the environment.
5. Remediating adverse environmental impacts associated with past and future pollution incidents.
6. Protecting and conserving natural resources, biodiversity and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultural heritage.
7. Reducing waste and increasing resource recovery in accordance with the Resource NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery hierarchy.
8. Reducing adverse environmental impacts of the Waverley Council fleet and exploring cleaner, greener technologies.
9. Reducing consumption of natural resources in Council operations and services and facilitate the purchase of environmentally friendly products.
10. Require suppliers and independent contractors to demonstrate commitment to best practice environmental management performance consistent with the principles of ESD.
11. Communicating the Environment Policy to Council staff, contractors and Councillors and providing training to ensure they are fully informed of their obligations and empowered in their decision making and actions.
12. Implementing a process of review and improvement of operational performance

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General Manager, Kim Anson