

Sustainability Council Policy

Responsible directorate: Governance and Strategy

Objective: To outline the City's commitment to integrating sustainable practices into all local government functions and services.

1. Definitions:

“sustainability” means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, as defined in the Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future (United Nations, 1987).

“Precautionary Principle” means where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation, as defined in section 4A(1) of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

2. Statement:

In carrying out its functions as a local government, the City of Joondalup will endeavour to meet the needs of current and future generations by integrating environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity principles within sound governance frameworks.

The City will achieve this by:

- demonstrating community leadership through commitment to adopting improved sustainable practices;
- ensuring all policies, strategies and services are financially, socially and environmentally sustainable to ensure intergenerational equity;
- ensuring economic development, environmental sustainability and social development contribute to a thriving business environment, natural environment and community wellbeing;
- adoption of the “Precautionary Principle” in decision-making processes to ensure the long-term protection of the environment; and
- to plan for, and to plan for mitigating, risks associated with climate change.

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Related documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>• <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>• Report of the World Commission on Environment and Development: Our Common Future (United Nations, 1987)• Principles ensuing from Agenda 21 of the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro• Western Australian Government State Sustainability Strategy of 2003 – 'Hope for the Future'
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