

2.1 Sustainable Bassendean Policy

Objective

The Town recognises that all life has intrinsic value, is interconnected and that biodiversity and ecological integrity are part of the irreplaceable life support systems upon which the earth depends. Council is committed to using its best endeavours to meet the needs of current and future generations through an integration of environmental protection, social advancement and economic prosperity.

Our four key objectives are:

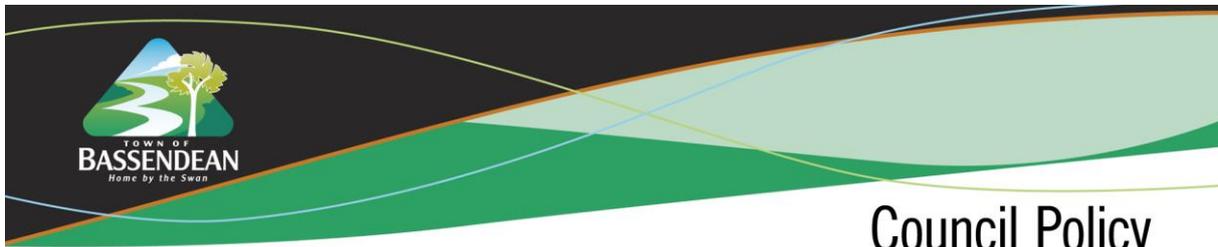
1. To ensure an integrated approach to protecting the natural environment and enhancing the built environment that provides a sustainable environment for future generations.
2. To enhance the quality of community life in the Town characterised by vibrant participation, cohesiveness, increased social capital and recognition of the need for social justice and community safety.
3. To foster economic prosperity in the Town and Region.
4. To strengthen the Town's position as an innovative, independent local government achieving business excellence.

Strategy

(Reference "Sustainability Framework for the State Sustainability Strategy")

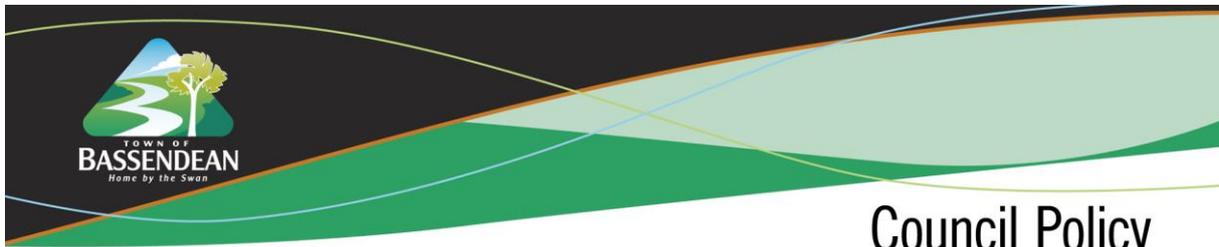
The Town of Bassendean strives to achieve these objectives by:

1. Ensuring that the way we govern as a Council is driving the transition to a sustainable future by:
 - Providing stable, ethical and sound government for the Town's residents and ratepayers;
 - Using sustainability assessment to aid decision making;
 - Planning for sustainable long term outcomes for the community;
 - Forming partnerships and strategic alliances to foster sustainability;



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- Managing financial resources in a prudent manner to safeguard a sustainable future;
 - Raising awareness and building capacity in both Councillors, staff and the community in achieving sustainable outcomes;
 - Measuring and reporting on sustainability.
2. Leading by example and playing our part in solving the global challenges of sustainability by:
- Accepting our fair share of increased population density
 - Supporting the development and implementation of environmental technology
 - Maintaining and increasing the Town's biodiversity
 - Responding to green house and climate change and setting an example in reducing greenhouse emissions
 - Raising awareness of oil vulnerability, the gas transition and the use of cleaner fuels
3. Valuing and protecting our environment and ensuring the sustainable management and use of natural resources and in particular our number one asset the Swan River by:
- Ensuring products and services used by the Town support sustainable agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry and plantations and sustainable mining and petroleum production;
 - Encouraging sustainable tourism in the Region;
 - Protecting the Swan River and the Town's water and aquatic systems; and
 - Employing sustainable land use management for parks, reserves and the urban form.
4. Planning and encouraging our community to reduce its ecological footprint and enhance its quality of life at the same time by:
- Participating in initiatives to manage the wider urban and regional growth;
 - Revitalising our Town centres and suburbs;
 - Implementing sustainable urban design;
 - Integrating land use with transport modes;
 - Encouraging the sound management of freight and regional transport in the Town;
 - Preserving air quality;
 - Reducing waste and managing it as a resource;



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- Reducing water consumption and improving water quality;
 - Using sustainable energy sources; and
 - Conserving cultural heritage and landscapes and creating a strong 'sense of place'.
5. Supporting our community to fully participate in achieving a sustainable future by:
- Providing community services, community development and capacity building;
 - Encouraging sustainable housing;
 - Fostering a healthy, fair and safe community;
 - Providing community education and raising community awareness for sustainability;
 - Fostering sustainability through culture and the arts;
 - Fostering sustainability through multiculturalism;
 - Fostering a socially inclusive society;
 - Fostering participatory democracy and community participation in decision making.
6. Assisting business to benefit from and contribute to sustainability by:
- Facilitating networking activities for business sustainability;
 - Creating a business friendly Council and developing economic policy for sustainability;
 - Fostering cleaner production in the Town and Region; and
 - Encouraging corporate social responsibility and industry sustainability

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Mayor, Councillors and Chief Executive Officer. The Policy is to be reviewed every three years.

<p>Policy Type: Strategic Policy</p>	<p>Responsible Officer: Director Community Development</p>
<p>Link to Strategic Community Plan: Environmental Sustainability and Adaptation to Climate Change</p>	<p>Last Review Date: 7 July 2009 Version 2</p> <p>Next Review due by: December 2016</p>