



policy document

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COMMUNITY SAFETY POLICY

Head of Power

This policy supports the 2006-2010 Corporate Plan Strategic Priority – Community Health and Wellbeing to build safe, strong and self-reliant communities with access to community services, infrastructure and opportunities for participation in community life.

Policy Objective

To build safe, inclusive communities and improve public perceptions of safety.

Policy Statement

Council is committed to:

1. Strengthening the community's capacity to respond to safety issues

- To maximise opportunities for local residents to participate in the development, implementation and evaluation of community safety initiatives.
- To foster partnerships with State and Federal Government, community groups and other stakeholders.
- To foster informal social networks within communities and reduce social isolation.
- To assist young people and their families to connect with schools, community groups and the wider community.

2. Enhancing the safe design of public spaces

- To design public spaces which meet the needs of all individuals and groups.
- To improve the safety of existing public areas and facilities.
- To ensure that Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) is incorporated into the design of new public spaces to maximise community access and use.

3. Reducing victimisation and fear of crime

- To apply a range of community, social, developmental and situational crime prevention approaches to new and emerging safety issues.
- To inform and empower residents through education and awareness campaigns.

4. Monitoring and evaluation

- To apply an evidence-based approach to community safety to ensure that policies, programmes and projects represent leading practice and are appropriate to the local context.
- To regularly evaluate initiatives and consult the community to ensure that new safety issues are identified and managed, and desired outcomes are achieved.