

# Green Living Policy

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## Head of Power

This policy supports Redland City Council's Corporate Plan *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*

## Policy Objective

Our corporate decisions enable Council to 'lead by example' in making informed choices in addressing the risks and threats of climate change, applying ecologically sustainable development principles, practicing energy, fuel and resource efficient operations across our built environment and business activities, and through supporting green living opportunities in the community.

## Policy Statement

Redland City Council, through its Corporate Plan, is committed to providing services that deliver our community's shared vision and collective aspirations; *Naturally wonderful lifestyle. Connected communities. Embracing opportunities.* We are a values led organisation and our organisational values encapsulate what we care about, influence how we operate and support our mission: Make a difference, make it count.

Council is committed to:

- Enabling our staff, assets and essential services to be ready for changing climate through tactical, strategic and business planning instruments, training, reliable information and forecasts.
- Focussing on resource conservation followed by efficiency and renewable energy, to reduce Council's corporate greenhouse gas emissions and prepare annual reports tracking Council's performance of energy and fuel use and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- Applying ecologically sustainable development (ESD) across Council operations and services, encourage new buildings and assets to demonstrate 'green design' principles and practice, and incorporate sustainable procurement processes.
- Facilitating energy transition through infrastructure, facility and fleet investments that encourage greater uptake of passive transport – walk, cycle, public transport and use of electric vehicles.
- Providing recycling and associated waste services, community information and engagement to comply with published Queensland waste minimisation and resource recovery targets.
- Supporting green living opportunities in the community, business and schools, through the procurement of local goods and services consistent with delivering sustainable economic growth identified in the Economic Sustainability Policy and through engagement activities with the community.

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
Green design	Principles and practices which have a positive impact on society; respect and preserve the environment, through the use of renewable energy, recycled products, design for local climatic conditions and are economically viable.
Green living	Incorporates matters relating to energy and resource efficiency, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, climate change adaptation and mitigation, green buildings and 'go local' food production

## Associated Documents

Redland City Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2021-2030

Management of Renewable Energy Assets Guideline ([A3945157](#))

Environmental Management System (EMS) Guideline ([A6757567](#))

## Document Control

Only Council can approve amendments to this document by resolution of a Council Meeting, with the exception of administrative amendments which can be approved by the relevant ELT member. Refer to *Policy Instrument Development Manual* for an explanation on administrative amendments ([A4063988](#)).

Any requests to change the content of this document must be forwarded to relevant Service Manager(s).

Approved documents must be submitted to the Corporate Meetings and Registers Team for registration.

## Version Control

Version number	Date	Key Changes
1	05 May 2015	New policy
2	February 2019	Policy Review
3	November 2019	Administrative changes resulting from policy framework review.
4	March 2022	Administrative update to include reference the new Corporate Plan. New version number but no approval required, therefore no change to approval and review dates.
5	March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administrative update to remove obsolete strategies and guidelines, updated to include reference updated plans</li> <li>Removal of reference to adopted targets</li> </ul>