

# Community Safety Policy

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## Head of Power

Corporate Plan *Our Future Redlands – A Corporate Plan to 2026 and Beyond*  
*Summary Offences (Graffiti Removal Powers) Amendment Act 2008*

## Policy Objective

To define Council's commitment to and role in the delivery of community safety and crime prevention initiatives.

## 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:

- Providing a safe community to assist in building a strong, vibrant and liveable city.
- Working in cooperation with Queensland Police Service as the lead government agency for the detection, investigation and prosecution of crime in Queensland, to prevent crime.
- Delivering initiatives that aim to prevent crime and reduce the fear of crime in the community.
- Working with state government agencies and the community to identify safety issues of local and regional concern, and to negotiate appropriate responses that contribute to a sense of community, safety and wellbeing.
- Ensuring the Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles are embedded into planning instruments, assessment frameworks and the planning development process.
- Implementing security cameras to support core Council functions including asset protection, local law enforcement and monitoring customer service functions.
- Implementing rapid graffiti removal and graffiti prevention practices to reduce the fear of crime and impact of graffiti in local communities.
- Monitoring local crime data to ensure safety issues or concerns are identified early and managed.
- Evaluating crime prevention initiatives to ensure an evidence based approach.

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
Crime	Offences reported to and/ or detected by the Queensland Police Service.
Crime prevention	Any action that causes a reduction in the level of criminal activity and the resulting harm, or in the number of criminal offenders and their victims.
Community safety	Freedom from crime and violence as well as the fear of crime and violence.
Graffiti	Marking of property without the owner's consent; includes spray painting etching and drawing of words and images.

## Associated Documents

Sharps Management Administrative Directive ([A196627](#))  
 Security Cameras Policy ([A3160223](#))  
 Homelessness Policy ([A3503426](#))  
 Strong Communities Administrative Directive ([A3160286](#))  
 Public Open Space Administrative Directive ([A196601](#))  
 Graffiti Management and Prevention Administrative Directive ([A196558](#))  
 Redland Open Space Strategy 2026

## 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
3	August 2015	Review with organisational changes to match the new structure (change of department name).
4	April 2019	Updated head of power, rewrite policy objective, added definitions, rewrite policy statement and rewrite of policy commitments, added associated documents.
5	November 2019	Minor administrative changes as a result of policy framework review.
6	March 2022	Administrative update to include reference to new Corporate Plan
7	November 2023	Updates to Associated Documents Add reference to security cameras which support core functions of Council