



## Environmental Policy

Application	All Staff
Responsible Officer	Building & Regulatory Services Manager
File No	CM:POL:CWP
Authorised by	Council
Effective Date	1131/22.10.2019
Distribution	Internet / Intranet

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to maintain high standards of environmental management and performance in order to ensure minimising the impact on surrounding environment and neighbouring communities and complying with all environmental laws and regulations.

### Definitions

Council: Carrathool Shire Council

Pollution: the presence in or introduction into the environment of a substance which has harmful or poisonous effects

### Reference

This policy complements other legislation and where it is silent on matters referred to in the following legislation such matters must be followed in accordance with the legislation.

*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

*Local Government Act 1993*

### Policy statements

Council recognises that continuing high standards of environmental management and performance are essential to the long-term success of the organisation.

Council is committed to:

- pollution prevention and minimising the impact of our operation on the surrounding environment and neighbouring communities.
- complying with all environmental laws and regulations
- participating in other voluntary programs that go beyond its legal requirements.

Council promotes environmental awareness among employees, contractors and visitors to ensure that environmentally appropriate practices are understood and applied. Environmental standards will not be compromised where feasible by other business priorities. Potential impacts of the business, such as those arising from the use of hydrocarbons and chemicals, management of waste and use of energy, will be identified in advance so that objectives and targets are developed and plans implemented to minimise pollution and other impacts on the environment.

Council continually challenges and improves environmental performance through cooperation with all employees.

<a href="https://infoxpert.edrms/docs/Business%20Management/Policy/Corporate%20Wide%20Policies/Adopted%20Policies/139%20Environmental%20Policy%202019-10-22.docx">https://infoxpert.edrms/docs/Business Management/Policy/Corporate Wide Policies/Adopted Policies/139 Environmental Policy 2019-10-22.docx</a> Environmental Policy 139	Classification	Scheme/Corporate	Effective Date:	22.10.2019
Uncontrolled document when printed. Please refer to website or intranet for controlled document			Version No.:	3



### Revision Table

Minute /Date	Amendment Summary	Reason or Reference
1156 / 20.06.2006		
0630 / 18.03.2014		Reviewed and Reformatted
1131 / 22.10.2019	Minor amendments	Reviewed

### Associated Documents

Carrathool Local Environmental Plan 2012

### Review

This policy may be amended from time to time and will be reviewed annually with reference to any relevant legislation and best practice guides.