

<b>Policy Section:</b>	<b>3. Development, Environment &amp; Regulatory Services</b>
<b>Policy Name:</b>	<b>Environment</b>
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<b>Related Policies and Codes:</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Related Procedures:</b>	<b>N/A</b>

## 1. OBJECTIVE

The Council aims to respect and nurture the environment through strong civic leadership and community empowerment. The Council will lead by example to protect and enhance the environment, with consideration of innovative practice and affordability for the community.

## 2. POLICY

2.1 The Environmental Policy will guide Council's environmental performance across:

- 2.1.1 The day-to-day operations and activities (as a business, land owner and employer).
- 2.1.2 The implementation of policy, procedures and activities within Council's jurisdiction to influence.
- 2.1.3 The demonstration and promotion of best practice to the wider community.

### 3. POLICY COMMITMENTS

- 3.1 To achieve the Environment Policy, the Town of Gawler is committed to:
- 3.1.1 Integrating sustainability and environmental protection considerations into Council decision-making processes.
  - 3.1.2 Supporting environmental education and promotion for the community.
  - 3.1.3 Strengthening relationships with relevant community groups to support environmental and community well-being initiatives.
  - 3.1.4 Communicating Council's environmental objectives, actions and monitoring.
  - 3.1.5 Establishing ecologically sustainable development planning principles and policies to manage sustainable growth.
  - 1.1.6 Reviewing Council's Environmental Management Plan every five years.
  - 1.1.7 Complying with legislative requirements including, but not limited to, the *Local Government Act 1999*, the *Development Act 1993*, the *Environment Protection Act 1993*, the *Native Vegetation Act 1991*, the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1972*, the *Natural Resources Management Act 2004* and the *Environment Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Commonwealth)*, *Landscapes South Australia Act 2019*.
  - 1.1.8 Addressing Climate Change as a priority through the development of the Climate Emergency Action Plan, which will address both adaptation and mitigation.

### 4. REVIEW AND EVALUATION

The effectiveness of this Policy will be reviewed on a four yearly basis and as part of the Environmental Management Plan review.

The Chief Executive Officer will report to Council on the outcome of the evaluation and if relevant make recommendations for amendments, alteration or substitution of a new Policy.

The Policy will not be altered or substituted so as to affect a process already commenced.

### 5. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information about this Policy can be obtained by:-

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Appointment: Town of Gawler, Administration Centre - 43 High Street, Gawler East SA 5118  
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### **6. AVAILABILITY OF POLICY**

The Policy is available for inspection during ordinary business hours at the Council principal office, Town of Gawler Administration Centre - 43 High Street, Gawler East or is available on the Council website at [www.gawler.sa.gov.au](http://www.gawler.sa.gov.au).

A copy of this Policy will be provided to interested parties upon request, for a fee as contained in the Register of Fees and Charges.