

# **Council Policy**

# **Public Lighting Policy**

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# **Policy**

# **Policy Objectives**

1. To define Council's obligations and its policy in regard to the provision of public lighting.

# **Policy Statement**

#### A. Street Lighting

#### (1) Local and Collector Roads

Lighting on Local and Collector roads shall consist of what is standard street light voltage lamps, which comply with the AS1158 in relation to the limit on the spill light. Lamps will generally be located on every second power pole or at a distance of between 50 and 80m. Lamps installed at intersections shall be designed and installed in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158.

Additional lighting may be necessary at certain locations such as pedestrian facilities.

#### (2) Arterial and Sub-arterial Roads

Lighting on Arterial and Sub-arterial Roads shall consist of lamps designed and installed in accordance with the AS1158.

Additional lighting may be necessary at certain locations such as pedestrian facilities.

## (3) Pathways

Pathways shall not be lit by overhead lighting except by resolution of Council where the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) The pathway has a history of safety issues and/or a need has been identified in a community safety audit.
- (ii) The Police and the Community Safety Committee support the proposal.
- (iii) Written agreement is received from all the owners of the adjoining properties.

#### (4) Light poles in new subdivisions

For mains power supply lighting the basic galvanised light pole shall be used unless the lighting needs or the environment of a particular location requires the use of a different pole.

For solar power supply lighting the pole design standard will be in accordance with manufacturers specifications.

## (5) Flat-face fittings

- (i) Council will consider the installation of a 'Flat face' fitting, only when a written request, to reduce the amount of light spillage, is received from all residents of adjacent properties, including those across the road.
- (ii) Prior to the installation of street lights in residential areas an assessment be carried out to determine if alterations for the type of fitting is required to restrict spillage of light onto adjacent properties.
- (iii) A 'flat face' fitting will only be installed in the spillage of light is in excess of the AS1158 design standard or
- (iv) Where determined by Council in specific circumstances

#### (6) Community Title Roads

Community Title Roads are not public roads and therefore the lighting of them including, installation, repairs and electricity charges, is the responsibility of the owners of the roads. The provision of appropriate meters needs to be a condition of the Development Consent that created the Community Roads.

#### **B** Malls & Public Plazas

In malls & public plazas lighting shall be installed that provides illumination to AS1158. Lamps and Lampposts will be of a design complementary to the architecture of the Mall or Plaza.

#### C Bus Shelters, Seats & Stops

If a bus shelter, seat or stop cannot be located to take advantage of the existing street lighting, the street lighting in the vicinity of bus shelter, seat or stops may be upgraded or relocated to provide direct light to the facility.

Lamp sizes and types will be dependent on the actual location of the facility.

#### D Foreshore Facilities

### (1) Boat Ramps

Public boat ramps shall be lit with a single overhead lamp, designed and installed in accordance with AS1158, which if at all possible shall be located to illuminate both ramp and other associated facilities such as fish cleaning tables. Lights provide solely for fish cleaning tables, should preferably be on timer switches.

Boat ramp car parks and access roads shall be lit to the standard of local roads.

# (2) Jetties

A overhead lamp designed and installed in accordance with AS1158, will be provided at either end of a jetty. Additional lamps may be provided at equal lengths along the jetty subject to an assessment of the light spillage provided by the lights at either end. The total number of lamps will be subject to the assessment of each individual jetty.

Jetty car parks and access roads shall be lit to the standard of local roads.

# (3) Boat Mooring Areas

Boat mooring areas will not be illuminated unless there is a specific resolution of Council to do so.

#### E Parks

#### (1) Ball Courts

Lighting will generally not be provided.

#### (2) Playgrounds

Lighting will generally not be provided.

#### (3) Amenities

As the provision of lighting in and around park amenities buildings is provided in accordance with development approval conditions, no further lighting is generally required under this policy.

#### (4) Internal Roads

Internal park roads that are an extension of the public road system (being accessible 24 hours per day) shall be treated as local roads for the provision of lighting.

#### (5) Car Parks

The provision of lighting to car parking areas associated with parks will be considered on an individual basis. Each request for the provision of lighting, to parking areas in parks, needs to be assessed in accordance with the AS1158.

#### (6) BBQs

Where night use of a BBQ is compatible with other uses of an area and the surrounding developments, a single overhead lamp, designed and installed in accordance with AS1158, will be provided at each BBQ.

# (7) Pathways

As with pathways external to parks, paths within parks will only be lit by overhead lighting by resolution of Council, where the following conditions have been satisfied:

- (i) The pathway has a history of safety issues and or a need has been identified in a community safety audit.
- (ii) The Police and the Community Safety Committee support the proposal.
- (iv) Written agreement is received from all the owners of the adjoining properties.

#### (8) Skateboard Parks

The Lighting of future skate parks will be considered through the Development Approval process.

## (9) Sports Grounds Floodlighting

The provision of sports ground floodlighting is not covered by this policy as the type and level of lighting provided can vary from ground to ground. Each installation of floodlights needs to be assessed individually.

#### F Public Amenities

Public amenities that remain open for night use shall be provided with both internal and external lighting.

#### G Community Halls / Neighbourhood Centres etc

Lighting will be provided as per the approved plans for each facility.

## H Cycleways/Shared Pathways

Lighting will not be provided in conjunction with cycleways, unless specifically contained in the development approval or by a specific resolution of Council, where the following conditions have been satisfied.

- 1) The pathway has a history of safety issues and or a need has been identified in a community safety audit.
- 2) The Police and the Community Safety Committee support the proposal.
- 3) Written agreement is received from all the owners of the adjoining properties.

#### I Car Parks for Commercial Areas and Railway Stations

The provision of lighting for Council owned car parks for commercial areas and railway stations will be assessed on an individual basis.

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