

	<p>Council Policy</p> <p>Sustainability Policy</p>	
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Policy

Scope

The *Local Government Act 1993* mandates a requirement for council decision making to consider sound financial management, investment in responsible and sustainable infrastructure, principles of ecologically sustainable development and social justice principles. Accordingly, the scope of this policy pertains to all persons conducting or undertaking business on behalf of Council.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to establish a common commitment to the four pillars of sustainability and to ensure that decision-making considers the needs of current and future generations of Lake Macquarie City.

Policy Statement

Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to making an equitable contribution to all aspects of sustainability for the organisation and the City. For us, being sustainable means:

Economic sustainability: we will help to build prosperity for the people of Lake Macquarie City by encouraging economic growth and sustainable development. We will ensure cost-effective delivery of works and services, as well as appropriate maintenance and renewal of our asset base within the framework of present and future financial sustainability.

Environmental sustainability: we will use resources wisely and help to enhance the quality of our natural landscapes. When making decisions we will seek to achieve positive outcomes for our local environment and make an equitable contribution to improving regional, national and global environments.

Social sustainability: we will help to build an inclusive, resilient and connected community that embraces innovation and creativity, and values our heritage. When making decisions and actions that affect the broad community we will undertake inclusive community engagement.

Sustainable governance: we will demonstrate transparency, fairness, ethical practices and accountability. We will encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships.

Applicability

We will demonstrate leadership by undertaking decision-making through the integrated framework of the Sustainable Development Goals that delivers a whole of Council approach to sustainable policy, infrastructure and services. We will share responsibility for our performance with all who work for and with us, and regularly report on our progress.

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Related Policies (Council & Internal):	(Policy Name) Procurement Policy	(Relationship/Context) The procurement policy outlines the principles under which Council makes its procurement decisions and conducts its procurement activities relating to economic sustainability.
Related Procedures, Guidelines, Forms, WHS Modules/PCD's, Risk Assessments, Work Method Statements:	(Document Name) Environmental Sustainability Action Plan	(Relationship/Context) Councils strategy to outline and achieve environmental sustainability aspects of this policy.
Standards COP's & Other References	(Standard, COP or Other References)	(Relationship/Context)

Definitions

Term / Abbreviation	Definition
Council	Lake Macquarie City Council
Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's)	The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a collection of 17 global goals set by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015 for the year 2030. The SDGs are part of Resolution 70/1 of the United Nations General Assembly, the 2030 Agenda. The Sustainable Development Goals are: 1) No Poverty, 2) Zero Hunger, 3) Good Health and Well-being, 4) Quality Education, 5) Gender Equality, 6) Clean Water and Sanitation, 7) Affordable and Clean Energy, 8) Decent Work and Economic Growth, 9) Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure, 10) Reducing Inequality, 11) Sustainable Cities and Communities, 12) Responsible Consumption and Production, 13) Climate Action, 14) Life Below Water, 15) Life On Land, 16) Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, 17) Partnerships for the Goals. The goals are broad based and interdependent. The 17 Sustainable Development Goal's each have a list of targets that are measured with indicators.

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