

Title of Policy	SMRC Sustainable Business Development		
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Legislation, Australian Standards, Code of Practice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Act 1993 • Local Government Amendment (Planning & Reporting) Act 2009 		
Aim	To promote and facilitate progression towards sustainability inclusive of ecological, social, economic and governance objectives within Council and the wider community.		

1 Policy Statement

- a) To conserve, enhance and develop our environment in an equitable and sustainable manner, acting as custodians for future generations;
- b) To establish, promote and maintain a culture of sustainability within the Snowy Monaro Regional Council and the wider community;
- c) To display leadership by working towards 25% energy reduction and 25% renewable energy targets in Council operations by the year 2023;
- d) To aspire to self-sustainability;
- e) To promote innovative thinking, best practice and internal and external partnerships that develop sustainable approaches to delivering Councils services;
- f) To ensure sustainability principles are applied to all areas of Council business inclusive of, but not limited to:
 - i) Facilities;
 - ii) Fleet;
 - iii) Waste, water, and wastewater;
 - iv) Information technology;
 - v) Community services;
 - vi) Land use, strategic, and economic planning

2 Policy Implementation

- a) To establish and provide ongoing support for a “Green Team” and Sustainability Officer to drive sustainability initiatives that will achieve Council’s strategic objectives. The team may include representation from across Council’s functional groups, Councillors, community

groups, and other government organisations as documented in the Green Team's Terms of Reference;

- b) The Executive Leadership Team will establish, promote and maintain a culture, knowledge, and understanding of sustainability and sustainability principles by the Council, Councillors and Council staff;
- c) The Executive Leadership Team, Council staff and Councillors will systematically review internal policies, processes and practices to further build the organisations capacity to deliver improved sustainable outcomes within its own operations;
- d) Green Team will ensure Council participation in relevant community, government, and other internal and external initiatives that support the purpose and objectives of this policy;
- e) Monitor, review and ensure the implementation of actions in the Delivery Program and Operational Plan;
- f) To take into consideration the history, heritage and biodiversity of our region in relation to environmental and sustainability issues; and
- g) Cost savings made by Council by application of this policy will be reinvested in additional sustainability projects

3 Policy Targets

The following targets will be reviewed by the Green Team annually and performance will be included in Council's Annual Report

- a) Energy - reduce consumption by 5% by 2024
- b) Water - reduce consumption by 5% by 2024;
- c) Waste - at least 70% diversion of municipal waste from Council landfill's by 2022; and
- d) Paper usage - reduce consumption by 5% by 2022

Documentation

List the name and document reference number of any other document referred to in this document, including any related policies and procedures

250.2018.473.1 – Document - Green Team - Terms of Reference

SMRC Delivery Program 2019-2023

SMRC Operational Plan 2019

Variation

Council reserves the right to review, vary or revoke this policy and should be reviewed periodically to ensure it is relevant and appropriate.