



## Council Policy 5.1

### Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park Environmental Policy

#### Strategic Plan Objective

To achieve the EMRC Plan for the Future in accordance with the revised *10 Year Strategic Plan 2017-2027* and the *Sustainability Strategy 2022/2023 - 2026/2027*.

#### Purpose

To provide guiding principles of environmental management for the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park.

#### Legislation

*Environmental Protection Act 1986*

*Contaminated Sites Act 2003*

*Environmental Protection Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*

#### Policy Statement

##### Commitment

The EMRC manages the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and the Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park on behalf of its four member Councils in the eastern region of the Perth metropolitan area. The EMRC is committed to minimising the environmental and social impacts of operations by working towards best practice management.

To fulfil these commitments the EMRC will:

- Comply, as a minimum, with all applicable environmental legal obligations and internal EMRC standards;
- Openly and transparently report our environmental performance;
- Strive to meet community expectations through addressing concerns and providing avenues for them to liaise with EMRC staff and management;
- Strive for continual improvement by implementing and maintaining an Environmental Management System (Red Hill) that is communicated and supported from management to operational staff and contractors (at all levels) to enhance environmental performance and achieve best practice management;
- Continue to be innovative by supporting research into the understanding of the environment which will enable the use of sound data as the basis for all environmental and operational decisions;
- Encourage and support better waste management practices through education and diversion strategies;
- Prevent pollution and protect the environment by assessing the environmental implications of planning decisions associated with the design, construction and operation of the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park;

- Raise environmental awareness for staff and contractors to be aware of and accountable for their individual contributions to environmental performance and encourage every employee and contractor to demonstrate respect for the environment;
- Be committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions through appropriate mitigation and adaptation strategies and evaluate the climate change implications of operational and strategic decisions; and
- Focus on meeting the needs of current and future generations by integrating environmental sustainability, social opportunities and economic development into the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park operations.

### **Responsibilities**

Each employee and contractor have a personal obligation to comply with the Red Hill and Hazelmere Environmental Policy.

Management is responsible for taking this policy into consideration when making any planning or operational decisions. Management is also responsible for ensuring the policy is communicated to and implemented by all staff, contractors, suppliers, local community and visitors.

The environmental program will be audited on a regular basis to confirm and improve performance against the requirements of this policy.

The EMRC publicly reports its environmental performance in its annual monitoring and compliance report.

### **Financial Considerations**

Funding for environmental management activities are included in the annual budgets related to the Red Hill Waste Management Facility and Hazelmere Resource Recovery Park.

### **Adopted/Reviewed**

23 April 1998

22 July 1999

02 May 2002

20 May 2004

23 February 2006

18 September 2008

24 September 2009

23 September 2010

18 September 2014

24 August 2017

06 December 2018

24 June 2021

27 June 2024

### **Next Review**

Following the Ordinary Elections in 2027

### **Responsible Unit**

Sustainability Team