

C06. Carbon Neutral

Title: Carbon Neutral Policy

Policy No: C06

Keywords: Carbon Neutral, Energy Efficiency

Responsible Officer: Deputy General Manager – Land Use and Sustainability

1. PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

The purpose of this policy is to provide an administrative framework as well as guidance to Council and Council staff with a view to Council becoming carbon neutral in its operations and service delivery.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Manly Council has adopted a policy to becoming carbon neutral in its operations and service delivery by not later than December 2010, with carbon neutrality being achieved through a combination of reduced demand for energy and products, energy efficiency, increased use of renewable energy and offsetting of emissions that cannot otherwise be avoided.

(OM 21.07.08)

See further Amendment below

3. PRINCIPLES

Council has determined that its target on carbon emission is to be brought into line with [former] Prime Minister Kevin Rudd's announcement to commence phasing-in of emission reductions from 1 July 2011 and working toward a 25 per cent carbon emission reduction on the 2000 level by 2020.

(OM 14.09.09)

4. SCOPE

This policy applies to all Council activities, operations, services, and facilities that have the potential for the creation, production or emission of carbon, and applies to all Council officials (as well as consultants and contractors engaged by Council) who are, directly or indirectly, involved in the making of administrative decisions, or the taking of any action, that has or may have the potential to create, produce or emit carbon,

5. DEFINITIONS

Carbon includes any greenhouse gas (eg carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, sulfur hexafluoride, a hydrofluorocarbon, a perfluorocarbon, or any other gas of a kind recognised as a greenhouse gas emission.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy will be implemented upon adoption by Council and will be made available via Council's website.

Council and/or the General Manager may, during a civil emergency only, set aside any policy terms to ensure public safety.

7. MONITORING AND BREACHES

Regular monitoring of compliance with this policy, relevant legislation and Manly policies and procedures will be undertaken and documented by the responsible officer for this policy.

Breaches of this policy are considered to be breaches of Manly Council's Code of Conduct and therefore invoke the relevant sanctions outlined in that Code. Persons in breach of any legislation may be subject to relevant criminal action.

8. REPORTING

An annual report on compliance with this policy is to be provided to the elected Council for its consideration.

9. POLICY REVIEW

This policy is subject to regular review at a maximum interval of two (2) years.

For the purposes of carrying out and giving effect to this policy, the General Manager may from time to time prepare, adopt or vary, and otherwise issue to Council staff, guidelines and directions relating to any aspect of this policy.

Any recognised change to relevant legislation; or directives or guidelines issued by agencies including the NSW Ombudsman and the Division of Local Government; or to Manly Council's related guidelines and procedures will activate an immediate review of this policy to ensure it remains current and aligned to best practice policies.

10. RELEVANT REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW)
Carbon Credits (Carbon Farming Initiative) Act 2011 (Cth)

11. RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES

Nil.

12. REVISION SCHEDULE

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PS53/11	2 May 2011	Periodic Review	Secretariat, Corporate Services	Manager, Administration
	June 2013	Comprehensive Review	Manager Corporate Governance	General Counsel
PS16/14	3 March 2014	Periodic Review	OM CSS	Manager Governance