

DIRECTORATE:	PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT
SECTION:	City Strategy
POLICY:	Sustainable Design in Council Facilities
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POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objectives of the Sustainable Design in Council Facilities Policy are to:

- Reduce the environmental impacts and operating costs of all Council-owned buildings while achieving previously adopted corporate energy and water reduction and zero net emissions by 2020 targets.
- Reduce the environmental impact of the construction and use of Council buildings by embedding sustainable design principles into existing policies and procedures and developing procedures and resources to address gaps in existing policies.
- Lead the community towards achieving zero net emissions by 2030 by providing opportunities for public engagement with and access to inspiring sustainable buildings.

BACKGROUND

Hobsons Bay City Council has set a target of zero net carbon emissions from its operations by 2020.

Energy use in Council-owned buildings accounts for 49.9 per cent of Council's reportable (scope one and two) greenhouse gas emissions. Both new and existing buildings will need to be more efficient in their use of energy and reduce their production of greenhouse gases in order for Council to achieve its greenhouse reduction targets.

POLICY AND PRINCIPLES

The Sustainable Design in Council Facilities Policy applies to all Council building works including:

- The construction and management of all new Council buildings;
- The refurbishment, extension, retrofitting and management of existing buildings; and
- The management of buildings that have participated in the Green Upgrade program.

All new constructions, major refurbishments and extensions to Council-owned facilities must achieve the sustainable design targets listed in the 'Sustainable Design in Council Facilities Strategy'.

PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

Targets will be achieved by:

- implementing the Sustainable Design in Council Facilities Strategy;
- embedding sustainable design and purchasing processes within existing organisational policies and procedures; and
- developing new procedures and resources to address gaps in current organisational resources.

The Sustainable Design in Council Facilities Policy targets are indicative with the view that they will be re-evaluated and enhanced after 18 months of application. The Policy will be reviewed after three years' operation.