

7.5.3 POLICY TO DECLARE HOBSONS BAY A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE

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PURPOSE

To present for Councillor consideration a draft policy declaring Hobsons Bay a nuclear free municipality.

Motion

Moved Cr Bill Baarini, seconded Cr Renee Caruana, that the Council:

- 1. Note the feedback received on the draft policy to declare Hobsons Bay a nuclear free zone.**
- 2. Adopt the attached policy to declare Hobsons Bay a nuclear free zone, with the exception of the use of nuclear medicine.**

CARRIED

REPORT SUMMARY

- On 24th April 2007, the Council resolved to develop a policy to declare Hobsons Bay as a nuclear free municipality, and opposing any proposals to site nuclear reactors in Hobsons Bay. It was also determined that the policy would exempt the use of nuclear medicine.
- Similar policies have been sourced from nuclear free municipalities in Australia and overseas, including Willoughby and Gosford City Councils (NSW) and the City of Santa Cruz (USA).
- The attached policy declares Hobsons Bay to be free of any nuclear activity to ensure the health, safety and welfare of its residents, with specific reference to nuclear power stations and the storage or transport of nuclear materials.
- The practice of nuclear medicine is exempted, as the benefits to users outweigh the risks to the community at large.
- On 12th June 2007, the Council resolved to place the draft policy on public exhibition for a six week period to invite community comment. One submission was received, expressing a view against nuclear development and in favour of developing alternative sustainable energy strategies.