



POLICY NO. CP 6.2.2

RETENTION, REHABILITATION AND REVEGETATION OF NATURAL AREAS

PURPOSE

To formalise the City's position and requirements with regard to the rehabilitation and revegetation of Natural Areas that are or will be managed by the City.

POLICY STATEMENT

1. Application

This policy applies where a proponent is required, by a condition of planning or other agreement, to identify areas for retention and manage natural areas, including bushland, foreshore and wetland areas including any buffers to those areas.

For the purposes of this policy the term Natural Area describes:

- a) An individual or collective area containing native remnant bushlands, wetlands, waterways and foreshore areas, lakes, swamps, revegetation zones, outcrops and living streams.
- b) Any defined buffer area agreed to by the City and relevant State agencies adjacent to a wetland or other Natural Area that may or may not contain native vegetation.

This Policy is to be read in conjunction with the City's Natural Areas Rehabilitation and Revegetation Guidelines.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the policy are:

- To identify, enhance, conserve and protect Natural Areas within the City;
- To clearly define the City's expectations regarding where the retention, rehabilitation and revegetation of Natural Areas is required;
- To ensure the consistency and acceptability of outcomes from rehabilitation and revegetation initiatives;
- To ensure that Natural Areas entering the City's management portfolio are of an acceptable condition for ongoing management; and
- To prevent erosion and protect water quality in the catchment

3. Implementation

A Management Plan is required to be lodged with and approved by the City prior to rehabilitation and revegetation works commencing. It must include a detailed scope of works informed by current investigations, adequate mapping and design drawings that demonstrate a good understanding of the site, its issues, and potential threats to achieve the objectives of this Policy.

The Plan will provide a program for the rehabilitation and revegetation of the subject site, completion criteria and a cost and maintenance schedule. The satisfactory completion of works prescribed in the Plan and the completion criteria, will inform the City's agreement on Practical Completion and Handover at the conclusion of the maintenance period.



Key approaches that are to underpin the Management Plan are:

- a) Remnant vegetation on site is to be retained and protected;
- b) Detailed investigations, methodology and appropriate timing of works are to meet the completion criteria; and
- c) Use of local provenance plant species and best industry practice in the ecological restoration field.

The objectives of this policy will be achieved through the application of the City’s Natural Areas Rehabilitation and Revegetation Guidelines

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Nil
Industry Compliance	State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning in Bushfire Prone Areas) (WAPC, 2015) National Standards for the practice of ecological restoration in Australia (Society of Ecological Restoration Australasia 2018)
Organisational Compliance	Policy CP2.4.22 Clearance of Conditions of Subdivision and Development Approval – Security Deposits for Outstanding Works
Process Links	City of Gosnells Natural Areas: Rehabilitation and Revegetation Guidelines.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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1.	OCM 30/11/02/2014	To formalise the City’s position and objectives where rehabilitation and/or revegetation of natural areas is required.			
2.	OCM 320/26/09/2017	Reviewed with no amendments.			
3.	OCM 251/08/09/2020	Reviewed and amended.			