

**POLICY NO. CP 1.1.3****POLICY STATEMENT****COMMUNITY CONSULTATION****PURPOSE:**

To detail the City's commitment to public consultation and the Council's desire to be fully aware of, and understand, community views prior to making decisions.

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Local governments exist to serve their communities. Indeed, one of the four aims of the *Local Government Act 1995* is to achieve "greater community participation in the decisions and affairs of the local governments" (clause 1.3 (2) (b)) and a primary role of a Councillor is to "represent the interests of electors, ratepayers and residents" (clause 2.10 (a)).

To achieve these legislative goals, the City will seek to consult with community stakeholders frequently and meaningfully.

The following principles will guide the City's approach to engaging the community in decision-making:

- (i) Stakeholders will be encouraged to participate to ensure a diverse range of views are considered;
- (ii) Relevant information that it is accurate, comprehensive and easily understood will be provided to stakeholders to enable them to respond;
- (iii) Sufficient time and opportunity will be provided for stakeholders to participate; and
- (iv) Feedback will be provided to stakeholders on how their input was used to inform the decision or outcome.

Consultation and engagement outcomes will be considered along with other input such as technical, financial and legislative requirements during Council's decision-making process.

GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

Statutory Compliance	Local Government Act 1995, s.1.3 (2) (b), s.2.10 (a)
Industry Compliance	Nil.
Organisational Compliance	Nil.
Process Links	Nil.

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

Directorate		Officer Title	Contact:
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Risk Rating	Low	Review Cycle	Triennial
		Next Due:	2026
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis	
1.	OCM 263/24/09/2019	New Policy to achieve greater community participation in the decisions and affairs of the City of Gosnells.	
2.	OCM 97/18/04/2023	Reviewed with no amendments.	