



POLICY NO. CP 1.1.4

POLICY STATEMENT

ENHANCING THE CANNING AND SOUTHERN RIVERS

PURPOSE

To recognise the significance of the Canning and Southern Rivers to the City of Gosnells and its community and provide a strategic guide for City actions in relation to these rivers and the adjoining land.

POLICY

1. The City acknowledges the environmental, heritage and community significance of the Canning and Southern Rivers.
2. In particular, the City acknowledges the importance of the rivers that traverse the City to Whadjuk Noongar people.
3. The City supports the enhancement of the Canning and Southern Rivers and their surrounds in a way that improves opportunities for the community to enjoy these environments. To this end, the City will encourage the Western Australian Planning Commission, which owns much of the land adjacent to the rivers, to proactively develop the river parkland or to allow the City to undertake such development with appropriate funding arrangements in place.
4. The City will actively engage with State Government agencies, Whadjuk Noongar elders, the Armadale Gosnells Landcare Group, the South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare (SERCUL), community groups, businesses, the education sector, volunteers and any relevant private landowner to protect and enhance the rivers and surrounding land.
5. The City will support development or enhancement of areas along the Southern and Canning River foreshores that:
 - 5.1 provide opportunities to acknowledge and reflect the cultural significance of the rivers to First Nations people;
 - 5.2 provide opportunities for the community to experience and enjoy the rivers;
 - 5.3 enhance the environmental values of the two rivers;
 - 5.4 sympathetically integrate river surrounds with adjoining urban developments;
 - 5.5 provide opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to engage in active recreational pursuits;
 - 5.6 enable active modes of transport including walking and cycling;
 - 5.7 provide opportunities for cultural expression through public art;
 - 5.8 encourage learning about river ecology, environment, history and heritage;
 - 5.9 deliver opportunities for environmentally sensitive economic development; and
 - 5.10 beautify the rivers to attract visitors from across the metropolitan area and beyond.



GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

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| Statutory Compliance | N/A |
| Industry Compliance | N/A |
| Organisational Compliance | N/A |
| Process Links | N/A |

POLICY ADMINISTRATION

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