



## STREET LIGHTING POSITION STATEMENT

### COUNCIL'S POSITION

Council acknowledges that LED lighting offers the longest life, the greatest reliability and the most efficient use of electricity. It also requires less reactive maintenance.

Consequently, Council has adopted a policy which commits the City to replacing all mercury vapour fittings on its own street light poles with LED lighting.

Council also encourages Western Power to be more proactive in replacing its mercury vapour street light fittings with LED fittings. When replacing the lights, Council encourages Western Power to comply with the Economic Regulation Authority's direction of February 2019 requiring Western Power to design and maintain street lights in accordance with Australian Standard AS1158.

Further, Council encourages the State Government to allow contestability in the supply of electricity for street lighting to create a competitive pricing environment and avoid monopolistic pricing arrangements. This change will place street lighting on the same footing as other large local government facilities and sites which consume electricity.

Finally, Council encourages Western Power to undertake a higher level of servicing and maintenance of its street lights to ensure that the lights are operating effectively for community benefit.

### RELATION TO STRATEGIC PLAN

***Strategic Priority 4: Economy – Businesses are supported and the economy is growing***

*Goal 4.3 Accelerate the pace of infrastructure improvements including road, rail, public transport, utilities and digital connectivity.*