



**POLICY NO. CP 6.2.2**

**POLICY STATEMENT**

**REHABILITATION AND REVEGETATION OF NATURAL AREAS**

**PURPOSE**

To formalise the City's position and requirements with regard to the rehabilitation and revegetation of bushland and wetland areas

**POLICY**

**1. Application**

This policy applies where a land developer is required (by a condition of planning or subdivision approval) to conduct works in or manage natural areas, including bushland, riparian and wetland areas and any identified associated buffer to those areas.

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

- a) An area that contains native species or ecological communities in a relatively natural state and hence containing biodiversity, having been naturally colonised by living organisms indigenous to that area. A natural area can be an area of native vegetation, vegetated or open wetland (lake, swamp), waterway (river, stream, creek), spring or rock outcrop.
- b) Any defined buffer area adjacent to a wetland or other Natural Area that may or may not contain native vegetation.

**2. Objectives**

The objectives of the policy are:

- To clearly define the City's requirements where the rehabilitation and/or 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.

**3. Implementation**

A project plan is required to be lodged with and approved by the City prior to the initiation of rehabilitation and/or revegetation works. It must include a detailed scope of works informed by adequate mapping and design drawings that demonstrate a good understanding of the site and its issues.

The Plan will provide a program for the rehabilitation and/or revegetation of the subject site, completion criteria and a maintenance schedule. The satisfactory completion of works prescribed in the Plan will inform the City's agreement on Practical Completion; the satisfactory implementation of the maintenance schedule and achievement of completion criteria will be the measures applied by the City with regard to management handover for the subject site at the conclusion of the maintenance period.



Key approaches that should underpin the Rehabilitation and/or Revegetation Plan are:

- a) Remnant vegetation on site is to be retained and protected.
- b) Where there is site resilience and native vegetation remains but is degraded, regeneration of native vegetation should be the main goal.
- c) Where natural processes or assisted regeneration techniques are not appropriate, or where there is no such potential, then revegetation will be undertaken.

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

### GOVERNANCE REFERENCES

<b>Statutory Compliance</b>	nil
<b>Industry Compliance</b>	Planning for Bush Fire Protection Guidelines (Edition 2) (WAPC, 2010) Plant Guide within the Building Protection Zone for the Swan Coastal Plain of Western Australia (FESA 2011)
<b>Organisational Compliance</b>	nil
<b>Process Links</b>	City of Gosnells Natural Areas: Rehabilitation and Revegetation Guidelines.

### POLICY ADMINISTRATION

<b>Directorate</b>		<b>Officer Title</b>		<b>Contact:</b>	
Infrastructure		Coordinator Environmental Management		3203	
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<b>Version</b>	<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>Synopsis</b>			
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.			