

 <p>Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Sustainable. Connected. Thriving!</p>	<p>DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING POLICY NO. 26 Biodiversity Planning</p> <p>Draft version: 1.0 Updated: 20 July 2015 File: SJ1107 Trim: E15/3389 Adopted:</p>
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1.0 Policy Objectives

The objectives of this Policy are to:

- To protect, maintain and improve the viability of habitats, ecological communities, flora and fauna, and genetic diversity.
- To ensure that any land use or development in proximity to or contains a natural area is compatible with the long-term maintenance and conservation of that area, and will not have detrimental impacts on biodiversity.
- Assist in achieving the conservation goals and targets as established in the Shire's *Local Biodiversity Strategy*.

2.0 Background

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's *Strategic Community Plan* recognises the need to protect, restore and manage our landscapes and biodiversity. The Shire's *Local Biodiversity Strategy* provides for a framework for the protection of biodiversity values. This local planning policy provides guidance on the information required to assess the impact of development proposals on biodiversity.

3.0 Application

This Policy applies to all land within the Serpentine Jarrahdale Shire.

4.0 Status

(a) Relationship to Town Planning Scheme No.2

This Policy is prepared, advertised and adopted pursuant to Clause 9.1 of Town Planning Scheme No.2 (TPS2). Under Clause 9.2 of TPS2 all planning policies are documents supporting the Scheme. The Policy augments and is to be read in conjunction with the provisions of TPS2 relating to development applications.

(b) Relationship to other documents

This policy has due regard to, and should be read in conjunction with the State Planning Policies (SPPs), the Shire's Local Planning Policies (LPPs) and other legislative documents.

The Shire's *Local Biodiversity Strategy* should be read in conjunction with this policy.

5.0 Interpretations

The following are definitions that relate directly to the application of this Policy:

'*Biodiversity*' – Refers to the variety of all life forms; the different plants, animals and micro-organisms, the genes they contain, and the ecosystems of which they form a part.

'*Biodiversity feature*' – Refers to native vegetation which meets any of the Goal 2 or Goal 3 targets from the *Local Biodiversity Strategy*.

'*Natural area*' - Refers to an area that contains native species or communities of flora and fauna in a relatively natural state and hence contains biodiversity. Biodiversity is highest in natural areas of establishment.

'*Native vegetation*' – Refers to naturally occurring locally native species and excludes revegetated areas of native species. Includes natural areas and degraded areas of native vegetation that cannot be defined as a natural area.

6.0 Policy Provisions

Natural areas in the Shire are identified in the *Local Biodiversity Strategy*. Where a scheme amendment, structure plan or detailed area plan is proposed within 100m or contains within the proposed development boundary; natural areas, as identified in the *Local Biodiversity Strategy*, the following information is to be submitted to assess the impact of a development proposal on the natural area:

- 6.1 A completed Natural Area Initial Assessment Form for any natural area on the site, including vegetation condition mapping and weed mapping where relevant. This requirement may be satisfied by a flora survey by a Botanist.
- 6.2 Plans drawn to scale appropriate to the site and proposed development showing (where relevant):
- Topography of the site;
 - Wetlands and drainage lines;
 - Existing natural areas and native vegetation;
 - The type and significance of natural areas and other biodiversity features on the site;
 - Identification of any rare or threatened species, or other significant features;
 - Any native vegetation to be cleared;
 - Boundaries of natural areas to be retained, protected and/or managed;
 - Existing and proposed development;
 - Existing and proposed fencing; and
 - Any other landscape or natural features.
- 6.3 A report including (where relevant):
- The identification and explanation for any native vegetation or natural areas to be removed or otherwise modified;
 - The identification and explanation of areas to be retained, protected and/or managed;
 - A fauna management plan where significant populations of wildlife such as marsupials or cockatoos occur;
 - Details of how the proposal contributes to the Shire's Local Biodiversity Targets as established in the *Local Biodiversity Strategy*;
 - Measures to be taken to minimise the impact of the proposed development on biodiversity, including measures to restore and protect natural areas, ongoing management of natural areas, and revegetation of new areas.
- 6.4 Any additional information as requested by Council to assess the impact of the development proposal on biodiversity.

Policy Adoption and Amendment History

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