
Objectives:	Place
Outcome:	2.1 - A diverse, well planned built environment.
Strategy:	2.1.1 - Actively engage in the development and promotion of an effective planning framework.

Objectives

The objectives of this policy are:

1. Revegetation of land within the Shire;
2. Encouragement of the use of local native flora for revegetation;
3. Raising awareness of the importance of revegetation as a relevant planning consideration; and
4. Provision of guidance for landowners, developers and Council on the requirements of TPS2 Clause 7.13 Tree Preservation and Planting.

Background

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale's Strategic Community Plan 2013 to 2022 provides a vision for the Natural Environment and a strategy of excellence in environmental management. This includes the objective of protection, restoration and management of our landscapes and biodiversity, and the implementation of the Shire's Local Biodiversity Strategy.

Urban growth in the region, the drying climate and the increasing importance of planning for bushfire protection are having a significant negative impact on the natural vegetation assets and landscapes of the Shire.

The Shire must consider the measures to use in management of our vegetation assets to deliver better landscape and biodiversity outcomes in new and existing communities. Better landscape management involves understanding principles of ecological sustainability and recognition of the environmental services provided by vegetation. These services include shade, shelter, habitat, screening, visual amenity, nutrient stripping and soil stabilisation.

Vegetation resources and their services can be regrown, but may require decades to reach peak performance.

Where these services are compromised, by planned and approved action, by disaster or by illegal activity they should be replaced by approved revegetation.



Application

This policy applies to all strategic and statutory planning proposals on all zonings, land uses and development types within the Shire.

Policy

1. Principles of Revegetation

- 1.1 Revegetation under this policy shall follow the following principles:
- 1.2 Revegetation is required to replace the vegetation that is lacking or being lost throughout the Shire. Actions involving removal of vegetation require consultation with the Shire and, where deemed necessary, a detailed plan for replacement.
- 1.3 When revegetation is proposed, preference will be given to local native species. The Shire has prepared guidelines, information notes and species lists to aid with this policy's implementation.
- 1.4 Revegetation should be carried out according to current best practice techniques and with consideration given to its location and purpose.
- 1.5 If a management plan is required it will need to incorporate a fire and water management strategy.
- 1.6 Bank guarantees for proposed revegetation may be required where works have not been completed prior to clearance of subdivisions. Bank guarantees will be determined from outstanding implementation costs and a schedule of maintenance submitted by the proponent.

2. Documentation

Proponents should submit relevant documentation, as required by the Shire.

3. Revegetation Requirements

Revegetation must be in accordance with the Shire's guidelines.

**References**

Name of Policy	Local Planning Policy 4.13: Revegetation Policy
Previous Policy	Local Planning Policy 04: Revegetation
Date of Adoption and Resolution Number	23 July 2018 - OCM063/07/18
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Next review date	
Related documents	<p>Acts/Regulations <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> <i>Planning and Development Act 2005</i> <i>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</i></p> <p>Plans/Strategies Strategic Community Plan 2017 - 2027</p> <p>Policies</p> <p>Delegations 11.1.1</p> <p>Work Procedures</p>

Note: changes to references may be made without the need to take the Policy to Council for review.