



The City of Canning's 10 Sustainability Goals (DRAFT 2020)

Our Policy Statement

The City of Canning strives for leadership at a local, national and international level. We aspire to go beyond best practice and look towards becoming a sustaining organisation for our community and an inspiration for the Western Australian local government sector.

1. Climate Change and Energy Transformation

In Brief: The City of Canning strives to minimise its climate impacts through best practice energy and emissions management.

Overview: It is our goal to reduce our corporate carbon footprint to net zero, and to support the development of innovative projects that help our community to do the same.

This means working towards a low carbon future through an integrated program of major renewable energy projects, energy and fuel efficiency measures, and staff and community engagement initiatives.

2. Circular Economy

In Brief: The City of Canning strives to move towards a Circular Economy by designing waste out of its systems and practices.

Overview: It is our goal to move towards an economic system where products and services are traded in closed loops or 'cycles' rather than in a linear 'take-make-waste' system.

This means striving towards a new circular economy which is regenerative, with the aim to retain as much value as possible of products, parts and materials.

We see value in all of our resources and hope to minimise the consumption of finite resources, and design waste out of the system, building economic, natural, and social capital.

3. Biodiversity and City Greening

In Brief: The City of Canning values and protects its remaining wild spaces and designs sensitive urban environments with nature in mind.

Overview: The City acknowledges that our unique biodiversity and ecological systems play an essential role in the cultural, spiritual, mental and physical health of our employees and community.

This means engaging in projects and programs designed to protect, conserve and enhance our natural environment.

4. Sustainable and Accessible Transport

In Brief: The City of Canning aspires to becoming a connected City that is healthy, safe and environmentally responsible.

Overview: It is our goal to be a connected and sustainable city that can access alternative transport infrastructure and engage in active transport options, while reducing the carbon footprint of our community.

This means planning for the ongoing enhancement of our walking and cycling amenities, as well as innovative projects that engage our citizens in the uptake of public transport options, as well as embracing new mobility technologies.

5. Health, Wellbeing and Resilience

In Brief: The City of Canning believes that the health, wellbeing and resilience of our community impacts on their ability to drive positive change.

Overview: It is our goal to support and enable a community that feels healthy, safe and connected and is better able to respond to challenges and contribute to the vibrancy of the City.

At the City of Canning, we acknowledge that an engaged and informed community has the capacity to actively contribute to the cultural and social capital growth of our City.

This means providing capacity building, up-skilling and educational opportunities to achieve sustainability in our everyday lives, supporting wellbeing within our communities. The City provides ongoing learning programs to ensure that our people have access to low cost, high quality learning opportunities that cater to all learning levels, year round.

6. Local Economy and Prosperity

In Brief: The City of Canning believes that the best industries, organisations and businesses have a positive impact on people, the planet and local economies.

Overview: We recognise that the role of local economic development in the City of Canning is to support the conditions that lead to genuine prosperity for our community.

This means enabling the City's residents, enterprises and places to realise opportunities for employment, business creation and growth, and innovation and entrepreneurship.

Across all activities, we will support the development of healthy, thriving and sustainable local economy.

7. Sustainable Development, Planning and Infrastructure

In Brief: The City of Canning strives to influence the development of a City that facilitates opportunity, mobility and sustainable growth.

Overview: It is our goal to undertake land-use planning that takes an integrated, transit-oriented design approach to facilitating accessibility, mobility and sustainable local economic growth.

This means integrating green infrastructure into the built and natural landscape to future-proof the City against potential impacts of climate change; including heat island effects, water management and drainage infrastructure pressures, energy and fuel poverty and mental and physical health impacts.

We acknowledge the importance of building, maintaining and improving our City facilities and assets to ensure operational efficiency and reduce the impact of current and future operations, and ensure their optimal operation by City staff and community users through appropriate education and support.

8. Water Sensitivity and Literacy

In Brief: The City of Canning strives for best practice water management, water literacy and water sensitivity.

Overview: The City acknowledges that climate change and increasing populations are increasing pressure on water resources. Water is integral to almost every feature of an urban landscape, and is essential for the wellbeing of people.

This means improving our water sensitivity to improve the resiliency, liveability, productivity and sustainability of the City.

The City undertakes a number of programs and projects to move towards best practice water management and safeguard our City's sustainable future.

9. Community, Culture and Creativity

In Brief: The City of Canning aspires to becoming a City that inspires its citizens to collaborate and co-create for people and the planet.

Overview: The City recognises the fundamental importance of creativity, community arts, cultural development and heritage in local communities.

This means valuing the important role of active community and cultural development in helping to enhance vibrancy, cultural identity, sustainability, social cohesion, and increased civic participation.

The City strives to model creativity and engagement in our arts, culture and heritage initiatives, and to encourage our community to actively engage in the cultural life of Canning.

10. Innovation, Leadership and Governance

In Brief: The City of Canning believes that bold, bright ideas can be the catalyst for a sustainable future for all.

Overview: The City acknowledges that good governance – the process for making and implementing decisions - requires the application of systems thinking, agility and continual learning to respond to rapid innovation in sustainable technology and achieve the City's Smart City Vision.

This means staying abreast of global trends and modelling innovation in policy and practice and taking a leadership role in advocacy around reducing the policy, regulatory and financial barriers to accessing innovative sustainability solutions.

The City strives to lead by example and to empower employees and community to take a shared leadership approach to sustainability challenges and opportunities.