

Public Lighting Policy - General

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Alexandrina Council Related Documents	Information Management Policy WHS Policies and Procedures Risk Management Policy Recreation, Open-Space & Sport Strategy (ROSS) Infrastructure Guidelines Environmental Action Plan 2030 Street Lighting Change Form Public Lighting Operational Procedure Public Lighting Policy – Clayton Bay Dark Sky Zone
Other Related Documents	International Dark Sky Community Program Guidelines (June 2018) SA Power Networks TS101 Public Lighting – Design and Installation SA Power Networks NICC402 SA Power Networks Tariff Manual No. 21 SA Power Networks Public Lighting Service Framework Australian Standards AS1158 Australian Standards AS4282 Australian Standards AS60598.2.3:2015 Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia (IPWEA) - Infrastructure Guidelines SA AGRD06A and B: Austroads Guide to Road Design AP-G88-17: Cycling Aspects of Austroads Guides Wildlife Sensitive Lighting Tools - Final Report National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (DCCEEW)
Applicable Legislation	Local Government Act 1999 (SA) Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016 (SA) Road Traffic Act 1961 (SA) Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This Policy establishes Alexandrina Council's (Council) commitment to the responsible provision, management and review of public lighting that is owned or managed by Council.
- 1.2 It confirms Council's commitment to cost effective public lighting that supports community safety, accessibility and amenity, complies with applicable SA Power Networks requirements and relevant design specifications, addresses the responsible management of artificial lighting under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999, where possible.

2. Policy Statement

- 2.1 Alexandrina Council is committed to responsible, sustainable and fit-for-purpose public lighting. Council will:
 - Apply public lighting in a way that supports safety, accessibility and appropriate levels of service for the community;
 - Comply with applicable SA Power Networks public lighting requirements, including relevant connection, design, installation, tariff and service framework requirements;
 - Require public lighting to be designed and delivered in accordance with relevant Australian Standards, Council infrastructure requirements and other applicable design specifications;
 - Support responsible outdoor lighting practices that minimise unnecessary light spill, glare, sky glow and impacts on the environment, wildlife and community amenity;
 - Consult the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife when making public lighting decisions that impact wildlife and the night sky particularly within proximity to Ramsar wetlands of International Significance; and
 - Consider DarkSky International and/or low-light principles in public lighting decision making.

3. Scope

- 3.1 This Policy applies at a high level to Council decisions and activities relating to:
 - Existing public lighting assets owned, operated or maintained by Alexandrina Council;
 - Proposed public lighting associated with land divisions, development applications, capital projects and other public realm works; and
 - Public lighting design, upgrade, renewal, removal and change requests.
- 3.2 This policy **excludes** areas/zones within the Council region that are being supported by Council to achieve formal lighting accreditations by organisations such as Dark Sky International. Areas/zones that are supported by Council for lighting accreditations will have a dedicated Public Lighting Policy created and published, once approved, by Council. *Example: Public Lighting Policy – Clayton Bay Dark Sky Zone.*

4. Definitions and Abbreviations

Alexandrina Council Infrastructure Guidelines - Standards and requirements for design, construction and development of infrastructure assets at Alexandrina Council.

DarkSky International - Provides education, guidance, and accreditation programs, including *Dark Sky Places certification*, to recognise communities, parks, reserves, and developments that meet recognised standards for night sky protection and sustainable lighting.

Low-Light Principles – an approach to public lighting that uses the minimum effective light needed to safely illuminate public spaces while reducing unnecessary brightness, light spill and environmental impacts.

5. Policy Implementation

5.1 Council will implement this Policy through:

- Asset management planning and lifecycle renewal programs;
- Public Lighting Operational Procedures;
- Assessment of public lighting requests and community submissions;
- Development assessment and subdivision approval processes;
- Application of relevant Australian Standards and industry guidelines;
- Collaboration with SA Power Networks and other service providers;
- Integration of environmental, safety and financial considerations into lighting decisions; and
- The adoption of Area specific lighting policies where location specific requirements and conditions apply.

6. Public Lighting in Land Developments

6.1 Council will require public lighting associated with land developments, public works and infrastructure projects to comply with applicable SA Power Networks requirements, relevant Australian Standards, Council infrastructure requirements and other applicable design specifications.

6.2 Detailed design, submission, acceptance and handover requirements are addressed through the relevant procedure, Council standards and project-specific conditions.

7. Private Lighting

7.1 This Policy does not regulate private lighting on commercial or residential land except where Council has a statutory role or a relevant approval condition applies.

8. Exemptions

8.1 Exemptions from this Policy may be considered where necessary for public safety, emergency response, statutory requirements, temporary works, essential operations or other justified circumstances.

- Documented justification;
- Relevant risk assessment;

- Appropriate mitigation measures; and
- A defined review date or expiry date where the exemption is temporary.

9. Roles and Responsibilities

Council Elected Members are responsible for reviewing and endorsing this Policy.

General Manager Infrastructure is responsible for Policy implementation and adequate resourcing.

Manager Assets is responsible for managing Council lighting assets, overseeing the enforcing and monitoring of technical standards, assessing proposed lighting changes and exemptions, and overseeing *Clayton Bay Dark Sky Zone* operational controls.

Manager Field Services coordinates inspections, maintenance activities and operational responses for Council-maintained lighting assets.

Development Assessment Team applies Council infrastructure requirements and this Policy during development assessments.

Team Leader Environmental Strategy assesses legislative requirements of lighting and contributes to effective lighting plans.

SA Power Networks owns, operates and maintains public lighting vested under SAPN arrangements in accordance with applicable technical standards and ownership processes.

10. Community Consultation

- 10.1 Council may consult with the broader community and relevant stakeholders on significant public lighting matters in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Policy.

11. Review

- 11.1 This Policy will be reviewed every four (4) years or earlier if required.

12. Availability of Policy

- 12.1 This Policy will be available on Council's website:
www.alexandrina.sa.gov.au
- 12.2 Printed copies will be provided upon request for a fee in accordance with Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.