

Policy Type

Council

Policy Purpose

To guide the City in its approach to seeking input from stakeholders on decisions which impact on them. This policy applies to all employees and consultants engaged by the City.

Community engagement is a planned process with the specific purpose of working across organisations, stakeholders and communities to help the City shape decisions or actions related to a problem, opportunity or outcome. (Based on International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) definition).

Policy Statement

The City is committed to seeking input from stakeholders on decisions which impact on them. Council is the ultimate decision-maker but values the insight provided by stakeholders. The purpose is to help make better decisions which reflect the interests and concerns of potentially affected people and organisations.

(1) Core Values – The City has followed the IAP2 Core Values including:

1. Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.
2. Public participation includes the promise that the public's contribution will be considered in making the decision.
3. Public participation promotes sustainable decisions by recognising and communicating the needs and interests of all participants, including decision makers.
4. Public participation seeks out and facilitates the involvement of those potentially affected by or interested in a decision.
5. Public participation seeks input from participants in designing how they participate.
6. Public participation provides participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way.
7. Public participation communicates to participants how their input affected the decision.

(2) Diversity Commitment

1. The City makes a commitment to provide equity in opportunities for people with diverse range of needs and views to participate fully in engagement activities.
2. As a statement of commitment, the City acknowledges the Nyungar people as the Traditional Custodians of this land. We commit to engaging with the

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Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the Aboriginal Reference Group.

(3) Community Engagement Framework

The implementation of this policy will be guided by the Community Engagement Framework

Strategic Link:	City of Cockburn’s Strategic Community Plan Community Engagement Framework Cockburn Community Development Strategic Plan Communications Strategy and Action Plan Disability Access and Inclusion Plan Reconciliation Action Plan
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