SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY
AT A GLANCE...

OUR SUSTAINABILITY VISION:

Clarence...strengthening the integration of sustainability practices into our services and operations.

Council has an important role to play in leading, driving and integrating sustainable practices through our operations, service delivery and community engagements, including:

- Planning urban areas and transport
- Managing stormwater and waste
- Adapting to a changing climate
- Developing and educating the community
- Managing natural areas
- Demonstrating good corporate citizenship

This strategy outlines how we will work towards achieving sustainability through balancing social, environmental and economic factors. The strategy establishes six priority areas adopted from the United Nations Sustainable Development Framework, as indicated by the titles.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES - Making our city inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

Why is this important?



Sustainability helps to provide for inter-generational equity in access to resources and assets.

Key impacts include urban heating and cooling, transport, and disaster management.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will improve liveability of our city by increasing public open space in urban areas and increasing the urban tree canopy.
- We will provide infrastructure to support sustainable transport options, including walking, cycling, public transport, electric vehicles and other low emissions vehicles.
- We will work to build community resilience with effective and efficient adaptation and response mechanisms.

LIFE ON LAND - Sustainably managing our environment and minimising biodiversity loss

Why is this important?



Our natural environment is diverse and provides habitat for a range of flora and fauna.

This environment, including our waterways, provides ecosystem services such as clean air and water, amenity and regulates air temperature.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will reduce the degradation of our natural habitats and the loss of biodiversity.
- We will ensure the conservation and sustainable use of land and inland freshwater ecosystems.

RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION - Supporting sustainable consumption and production patterns

Why is this important?



A key responsibility of council is to deliver waste and recycling services.

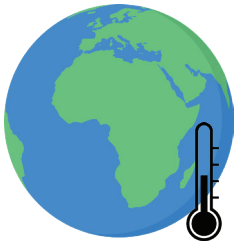
Key impacts include minimising waste, waste recovery resources, and sustainable procurement.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will reduce the amount of waste disposal to landfill.
- We will embed sustainable criteria into our procurement and tender processes.
- We will align our waste strategy with the state government's to harness synergies and deliver best outcomes to our community.

CLIMATE ACTION - Taking action to combat climate change and its impacts

Why is this important?



Reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a key climate action to minimise global heating.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will reduce our organisation's greenhouse gas emissions to complement the net zero emission ambitions of the state and federal governments.
- We will enhance risk assessment processes in relation to the warming climate
- We will continue to implement climate change adaptation methods to address impacts on our coastline.

CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION - Ensuring access to safe water sources and sanitation

Why is this important?



Water is crucial to our health and wellbeing.

An important role of council is to support provision of clean water and sanitation services.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will ensure we use water in our operations more efficiently, reduce untreated wastewater, improve the quality of stormwater discharge and minimise pollutants into our environment.
- We will provide for the sustainable provision of stormwater services that has capacity to meet current and future community needs.

INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE - Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industry and fostering innovation

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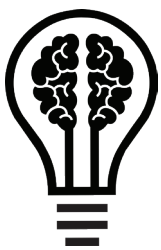

Innovation leads to the development of sustainable and resilient practices and infrastructure to support economic development and wellbeing.

Some objectives we will work towards include:

- We will encourage sustainable expansion of industries through association e.g. agriculture and agritourism.
- We will ensure our operations and projects design for the future and leverage emerging technology to improve the efficiency of our city infrastructure and services.