OPEN SPACE

ACQUISITION, DEVELOPMENT AND DISPOSAL

PURPOSE

That open space is acquired, developed and disposed of in accordance with established priorities and procedures.

POLICY STATEMENT

Council accepts the priority for open space, as outlined in the Mary Jeavons report (1992), in order to achieve an equitable distribution of open space in the City.

Administration will identify on a continuing basis, possible sites for the development of open space.

There is a commitment to retain all existing open space which is in use for both passive and recreational purposes.

Council will investigate the need for incorporating land adjacent to existing reserves, if and when the land becomes available.

Formal development of open space

1. More formal development shall take place with grassed areas for reserves that complement other existing facilities and uses, for example, by libraries and Senior Citizens Clubs.

2. Formal areas will be provided across the City to meet passive recreational needs.

3. No formal areas will be developed as a result of the removal of native vegetation and plant communities.

Funding of open space acquisition

An annual allocation of $200,000 will be made to the open space acquisition / capital development budget line - to be funded by the disposal of open space according to agreed guidelines and / or rate monies.

This fund is to be cumulative and cannot be used for any purpose other than the acquisition of land and capital development according to the agreed guidelines.

All funds generated from the sale of open space are dedicated to the Open Space Acquisition / Capital Development budget line.

Disposal of open space

Areas of open space will only be disposed of if:

- a clear advantage to do so can be demonstrated
- the community has been consulted

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- any funds accrued by such disposal will be used or retained for the purchase and development of open space within the City.

POLICY REVIEW

This Policy will be subject to review every four (4) years or sooner at the discretion of the relevant General Manager.

The CEO has delegated authority to endorse any amendments to the Policy that do not vary the intent of the policy.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/DEPARTMENT

Engineering and Environmental Services, Corporate Services

ADDITIONAL CROSS REFERENCES

Mary Jeavons Report (1992)
Open Space Strategy 2001

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