



FOCUS AREA 3

Partnerships

Council will work with our partners to achieve environmental sustainability.



Policy position

Moira Shire acknowledges:

- Partnerships are critical in achieving great environmental sustainability outcomes; and
- A broad range of stakeholders need to work together to build an environmentally sustainable future.

Moira Shire Council will:

- Continue to foster and build strong partnerships with local, regional, state and federal authorities and the wider community (refer to Appendix 1);
- Align with the strategic directions of key partners where appropriate;
- Continue to collaborate with key partners to share knowledge and explore funding opportunities; and
- Actively participate in partnership groups and projects (refer to Appendix 2) and take a lead role where appropriate.

Policy rationale

Council recognises:

- Partnerships are critical in accessing resources, investing wisely and achieving great outcomes;
- Environmental sustainability requires a landscape or catchment-scale approach, and therefore partnerships across institutional boundaries are especially important; and
- Environmental assets are used and appreciated by residents and visitors.

Long-term target

Council and partners work together to enhance environmental outcomes in Moira Shire.

Performance Indicators (by 2026)

The following performance indicators will be used to determine the successful implementation of the strategy:

1. Key stakeholders continue to endorse partnerships for implementing the ESS (e.g. Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee).
2. Council supports and actively participates in partnership projects and programs.
3. Cooperation agreements for delivery of environmental activities are developed and signed by key partners (e.g. MOUs).
4. Council shares and celebrates successes with partners and the community.

Actions

The following actions will support the implementation of the strategy:

- Foster discussions with partner agencies and community through the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee (ESAC).
- Support Partnership Groups listed in Appendix 1.
- Encourage partnership groups to be highly effective with clear intent and objectives.
- Provide advocacy on environmental sustainability issues.
- Provide input into the review of legislation, regulations, strategies, and guidelines to achieve environmental sustainability.
- Continue to form new partnerships with land managers and relevant stakeholders to improve the management of our natural assets (such as manage the impacts of tourism, fire risks and water related issues).
- Partner with Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation (YYNAC) to deliver environmental projects on country.
- Support community groups (e.g. Superb Parrot Group) and business partnerships (e.g. tourism).
- Freely share resources between partners.