



Public Lighting

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| Responsible officer | Manager Assets |
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PURPOSE

To provide guidance in the selection, placement and maintenance of public lighting.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all public lighting within Moirashire, under the control of Council.

POLICY

Overview

1. In the provision of public lighting Council will seek to achieve a balance taking into consideration:
 - safety;
 - crime prevention;
 - access;
 - ambience and aesthetics;
 - light pollution;
 - effect of light on private property;
 - effect on flora and fauna;
 - availability of budget or other resources; and
 - minimising energy consumption.
2. Council will endeavour as far as practicable to:
 - comply with Australian Standards in relation to new installations; and
 - provide safe lighting throughout the municipality.
3. Council acknowledges that the implementation of this policy will be influenced by the myriad of conflicting and changing priorities it faces during allocation of limited financial resources. Hence, Council reserves the right to not meet its policy on occasions.

Existing Public Lighting

4. Appropriate level of service

Council will provide an appropriate level of public lighting within available resources, taking into consideration any other conflicting priorities it may have.



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5. Minimum service level objectives

For existing infrastructure, the following minimum service level objectives for specific areas, will guide provision of public lighting.

5.1 Urban Residential

Street lights will be set at approximately every 150 metres along a street. Every intersection will be lit with a street light, which will be placed within 40 metres of the intersection, along any leg of the intersection.

5.2 Commercial

Sufficient light to enable the safe movement of pedestrians and facilitate a secure public area environment for commercial premises.

5.3 Significant Intersections

Sufficient light to facilitate the safe and effective movement of traffic. All major urban intersections having kerbed medians, splitter islands or roadside drainage shall be illuminated.

5.4 Specific Sites

Sufficient light to enable the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles, illumination of any hazards, and the promotion of a safe and secure ambience.

6. Selection of lanterns and globes

The selection of lantern type must have regard to the purpose of the installation, the style and type of adjoining existing lighting, be in keeping with any streetscape strategy and in accordance with the Infrastructure Design Manual, which requires the use of energy efficient globes and fittings

7. Fitting of shields

Shields may be fitted to prevent or minimise adverse effects of glare on road users or other members of the public. Where the level of glare is acceptable, in accordance with the Australian Standard, the property owner would be required to pay installation costs if they wish to proceed with having a shield fitted.

8. Intersections with public highways or roads not managed by Council

The cost of installation and maintenance of street lighting at the intersections of public highways, or roads not under Council's care and management, with roads maintained by Council, shall be shared with the authority responsible for that public highway or road.

New Public Lighting

9. Infrastructure Design Manual

The role of the Infrastructure Design Manual is to guide both Council and developers in the design and construction of new infrastructure, include public lighting.

10. Positioning of additional lights

New public lighting shall be positioned to complement existing trees, to minimise pruning and maximise the effectiveness of lights.



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RELATED POLICIES

Development of Policy Documents, and Policy Guideline

RELATED LEGISLATION

Local Government Act 1989

Road Management Act 2004

Subdivision Act 1988

Subdivision (Procedures) Regulations 2000

REFERENCES

AS/NZS 1158 Lighting for Roads and Public Spaces

Infrastructure Design Manual <http://www.designmanual.com.au/>

Public Lighting Code, Essential Services Commission

Distribution Construction Standard - Public Lighting – Decorative Lighting
FA051, Powercor Australia

Moirra Planning Scheme, Clause 56.09-4 - Public Lighting Objective

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed five years from the date of adoption, with operational amendments as required, in accordance with Council's approval.