

Policy 3.03 Soil and Water Management

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Under Review

1 Introduction

1.1 Scope

Soil and water management issues such as erosion and sedimentation are one of the most pressing environmental concerns in the Bega Valley Shire. Land use management primarily rests with Bega Valley Shire Council supported by the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Other government agencies, LandCare and other community groups are also important stakeholders.

This policy and the supporting guideline, Procedure 3.03.1 Soil and Water Management Guidelines, as well as Council's ~~standard adopted~~ development conditions, have been developed to comply with statutory requirements and best practice, and are based on the principles contained in the *NSW Managing Urban Stormwater Guidelines - Soils and Construction Vol. 1 (2004) and Vol. 2 (2008)*.

The scope of this policy demonstrates direct commitment to the following strategic guiding principles:

- Responsive | commitment to serve the needs of the entire community
- Effective and Efficient | clear connection between policy and implementation

1.2 Purpose

- To facilitate the reduction of soil erosion and sedimentation in all catchments resulting from the disturbance of the soil surface and changes in the flow of water associated principally with building and construction works, changes in land use and urban development.
- To respond to the values and expectations of the community in relation to the principles of soil and water management.

1.3 Definitions

Nil

2 Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997

3 Implementation

3.1 Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address soil and water management in a systematic manner by:

- addressing ensuring erosion and sedimentation plans are ~~in~~ developed in accordance with the principles for effective soil and water management during land disturbance activities

- monitoring all land disturbance activities, including Council's own operations, and managing them in accordance with legislative requirements and best practice- to protect the environment from harm associated with erosion and sedimentation.

3.2 Responsibilities

3.2.1 Elected Council

Ensure that all development that comes before Council for approval has appropriately considered soil and water management and the potential impact on our local environment.

3.2.2 Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Leadership Executive Group (LEG)

Ensure reports presented to Council appropriately consider sSoil and wWater mManagement where relevant.

3.2.3 Directors Assets and Operations / Community, Environment and Planning

Ensure all Council works and maintenance projects are implemented in accordance with Council's Soil and Water Management Guidelines.

3.2.4 Manager, Planning and Sustainability

Ensure all development applications are assessed in accordance ~~assessments demonstrate compliance~~ with Council's Soil and Water Management Guidelines.

~~3.2.4~~ 3.2.5 Manager, Certification and Compliance (Planning Coordinator / Environment and Sustainability Coordinator)

Ensure all development ~~proposals~~ demonstrates compliance with Council's Soil and Water Management Guidelines during construction where Council is the private certifier for the project or a complaint is received.

4 Supporting Documents

4.1.1 BVSC Procedures that relate to this Policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
3.03.01	Soil and Water Management Guideline	External

4.1.2 BVSC Policies that relate to this Policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
3.02	Environment Management
3.05	Environmental Sustainability for Council Operations

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