

Policy number	Policy 252
Policy title	Nuclear free zone
Strategic outcomes supported	EN1 – Protecting and enhancing the natural environment

Policy objective:

To provide for the Town to be a nuclear free zone.

Policy scope:

This policy applies across the Town.

Policy definitions:

Nuclear: Any source material or special fissionable material under the International Atomic Energy Agency Statute (in practice, this means uranium, thorium and plutonium).

Radioactive: Having or producing powerful and dangerous energy that comes from the breaking up of atoms.

Policy statement:

1. The Town of Victoria Park accepts that the transport, storage, treatment and use of radioactive substances could involve potential threats to the health and well-being of the residents and environment of the Town:
2. While Council recognises that Federal and State legislation may negate any power of council to make decisions in respect to the processing, storage or transport of radioactive materials, this policy provides a statement of intent that Council does not support:
 - a. The building of any nuclear power stations, enrichment plants, weapons plants, radio-active storage facilities within the Town;
 - b. The storage of uranium and/or nuclear waste within the Town's boundaries;
 - c. The transport of uranium or nuclear waste through the Town's boundaries.
3. That council is not opposed the responsible use of low levels of radioactive material in medical practices, education and research facilities, equipment used in geological, geophysical, forensic investigations, structural engineering and materials analysis, and within smoke detectors as the benefits to residents far outweigh the risk to the community at large.
4. That the Town of Victoria Park is a nuclear free zone.

Related documents

Nil.

Responsible officers	Project Officer
Policy manager	Chief Operations Officer
Approval authority	Council
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Revision history

Version	Action	Date	Authority	Resolution number	Report number
1	Adopted	20/09/2022	Council	199/2022	Item 15.2
2	Administratively amended	13/09/2023	Delegation		