

1.23 Underground Power Policy

The Town of Bassendean desires a high level of amenity for its residents. This policy provides a mechanism for improving amenity by promoting and assisting with the undergrounding of power.

Objectives

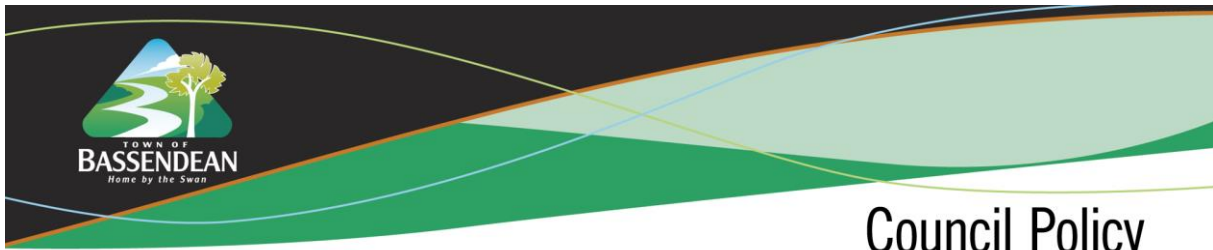
The objectives of this policy are to:

- Advocate to State Government for the installation of underground power in appropriate locations within the Town of Bassendean.
- Establish the ways in which costs associated with the installation of underground power shall be recovered from property owners
- Lobby the State Government to reintroduce a subsidy for socio-economic disadvantaged areas.

Strategy

The Town of Bassendean will achieve these objectives through:

- Advocating to the State Government at every opportunity to achieve the undergrounding of overhead power distribution that currently exists in the Town of Bassendean.
- Partnering with relevant agencies on the planning and delivery of underground power.
- Identifying strategies for the funding of the underground power installation which minimise the cost to the Town and property owners.
- Developing a program to deliver the undergrounding of power to areas where overhead power currently exists in the shortest possible timeframe.
- Supporting a method of equally distributing costs for underground power projects as follows:
 - State Underground Power Project (SUPP) 50% funded by State/City and 50% funded by property owner; or
 - Local Government client funded underground power project 50% funded by City and 50% funded by property owner exclusive of any contribution by the State.



- Advocating for a change in method for distributing costs for underground power projects that reintroduces a subsidy for socio-economic disadvantaged areas.
- Developing and implementing an education campaign with the community to explain the benefits of undergrounding power prior to any surveys being made.
- Continuing to make contributions to a reserve fund to assist residents facing financial hardship with meeting the property owner contribution costs of undergrounding power.

Application of this Policy

A schedule of contributions required from benefitting property owners forms part of the procedures associated with this policy. The method of distributing this contribution by the property owner is included in the Underground Power Procedure.

The Town will seek update the Western Power street light network to the latest technologies including but not limited to light-emitting diode (LED) luminaries and smart control.

Application

Responsibility for the implementation of this policy rests with the Mayor, Councillors, Council delegates and Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) has the authority to administer the requirements of this policy. The CEO has on-delegated this authority to the Manager Asset Services.

The Policy is to be reviewed every five years.

<p>Policy Type:</p> <p>Link to Strategic Community Plan: Town Planning & Built Environment</p>	<p>Policy Owner: Director Operational Services First Adopted: February 2019 Last Reviewed: February 2019 Version 1 Next Review due by: February 2024</p>
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