



Smoke-Free Outdoor Environment Policy

DOCUMENT AUTHORISATION

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:		BUILDING AN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER			
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4	06/03/2023	33.03/19 (remains in effect as the Policy position has not been amended).	Minor administrative changes have been made to fit the Policy into the new Policy Template. The Policy position has not been amended in this review.	BEHO	Council
3	28/03/2019	33.03/19	Review	BDO	Council
2	18/12/2014	15.12/14	Review	BDO	Council

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 General Manager

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 16/3/23
 Date

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Glen Innes Severn Council acknowledges and pays respect to the Ngoorabul people as the traditional custodians of this land, their elders past, present and emerging and to Torres Strait Islander people and all First Nations people.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Improve the health of community members;
- Improve public amenity and maintenance of Council property;
- Raise community awareness of the issues associated with smoking;
- Provide community leadership in taking measures to protect the health and social wellbeing of the community; and
- Minimise cigarette butt pollution on Council owned waterways, parks and other open space areas.

APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to the Glen Innes CBD, specifically along Grey Street from Lang Street to Ferguson Street extending along the side streets of Meade, Bourke and Wentworth Streets, east to Church Street and west to West Avenue.

OUTCOMES

In implementing Council's Smoke-Free Outdoor Policy a program of community education and awareness will be undertaken through Council's Facebook page and notices in the "Our Council" column in the Glen Innes Examiner.

Existing signage, in the form of recognised 'NO SMOKING' signage to indicate that these areas are smoke-free, are installed in prominent places in the CBD zone listed above.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Enforcement of this policy will be by signage, positive persuasion and self-policing through the community, rather than punitive enforcement.

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy recognises that Council has:

- An obligation to promote public health outcomes where Council provides assets and services intended to be of benefit to children and other members of the community;
 - A commitment to improve the natural environment and the amenity of the local area by reducing the amount of cigarette litter found in outdoor spaces;
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- An understanding that the damaging effects of passive smoking, while well documented in regard to indoor areas, are also beginning to emerge in regard to outdoor areas; and
- An understanding that the indirect effects of people smoking in an outdoor area can include:
 - children playing with and swallowing discarded cigarette butts;
 - cigarette derived particles accumulating on clothing and skin; and
 - sensory irritations such as eye watering, coughing, difficulty in breathing or asthma.

LEGISLATION AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Relevant Legislation, Regulations and Industry Standards include:

- Smoke-free Environment Act 2000,
- Smoke-free Environment Regulation 2016.

Relevant Council Policies and Procedures include:

- Enforcement Policy,
- Smoke Free Workplace Policy.

VARIATION AND REVIEW

The Smoke-Free Outdoor Environment Policy will be reviewed every 3 of years, or earlier if deemed necessary, to ensure that it meets the requirements of legislation and the needs of Council. The term of the Policy does not expire on the review date, but will continue in force until superseded, rescinded or varied either by legislation or a new resolution of Council.

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