



## CP 4.2 | Stakeholder Engagement Policy

### Objective

To ensure all relevant stakeholders, where appropriate, are provided with a fair and meaningful opportunity to participate in and contribute to problem solving, planning and decision making by the City.

To ensure community confidence in the timeliness, effectiveness, consistency and value of open, two-way stakeholder communication.

### Scope

This policy applies to Elected Members, City of Perth staff and consultants contracted by the City and any other person/s who undertake activities on behalf of or for the City.

The scope is guided by Section 1.3 (2) of the *Local Government Act 1995* which states:

*This Act is intended to result in:*

- a. *Better decision-making by local governments;*
- b. *Greater community participation in the decisions and affairs of local governments;*
- c. *Greater accountability of local governments to their communities; and*
- d. *More efficient and effective local government.*

The policy ensures the City encourages community participation and/or provides meaningful, and appropriate communication to the community when making decisions, undertaking city planning, delivering services, infrastructure, activation, and other projects.

### Policy statement

1. The City of Perth recognises the importance of tailored, effective, transparent, and inclusive community consultation to ensure the wider community's feedback is considered in the decision-making process.
2. The City commits to engage on matters that affect the community in a manner that is accessible and meets legislative requirements, while adapting to answer the needs of our changing and diverse community.
3. For each stakeholder engagement activity, the City is guided by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) principles and Core Values to Inform, Consult, Involve, Collaborate and Empower the community:
  - we seek out and facilitate the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including decision makers and those potentially affected by or interested in a decision;
  - we provide participants with the information they need to participate in a meaningful way;



- we listen to and acknowledge community concerns and aspirations, and acknowledge how their contribution will influence the final decision;
- we work together with the community to formulate solutions, and incorporate their advice and recommendations into City decisions to the maximum extent possible and
- we ensure that community concerns and aspirations are directly reflected in the final project.

## Document control

### Policy context

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| Legislation, standards & external guidelines | <i>City of Perth Act 2016</i><br><i>Local Government Act 1995</i><br><i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i><br><i>Heritage Act 2018</i>   |
| Policies and procedures                      |   |
| Strategies, plans and frameworks             | Strategic Community Plan<br>Corporate Business Plan<br>Service Unit Plan<br>Neighbourhood Framework<br>Rick Management Framework<br>Stakeholder Engagement Approach<br>Stakeholder Engagement Plan Template |

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