

Policy 4.12 Environmental and Public Health

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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Scope

This policy (and complementary procedures) encompasses the processes implemented by Council to provide effective environmental and public health outcomes to the local community and visitors to our shire.

1.1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define Bega Valley Shire Council's role in providing, promoting and maintaining proper standards of environmental and public health for the local community.

1.2 Definitions

Word or terminology	Description
Sustainability	To live within the limits of what the environment can provide, understanding the many interconnections between the economy society and the environment.
Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD)	ESD is defined as development that uses, conserves and enhances our natural resources so that ecological processes, and in turn the quality of life now and into the future, can be maintained.

1.3 Legislation

Local Government Act 1993

Public Health Act 2010

Protection of the Environment (Operations) Act 1997

Food Act 2003

1.4 Implementation

1.4.1 Policy Statement

Council recognises the health of the community is intrinsically linked to the social and physical environment that exists in the shire. Therefore, Bega Valley Shire Council will:

- provide education and information on environmental and public health issues
- monitor and enforce legislative standards as appropriate
- provide access to its environmental and public health services, programs and facilities for the whole community
- develop, implement, monitor and review procedures that help maintain, manage and enhance the environmental and public health of the shire
- engage with the community to improve the environmental and public health of the shire.

1.4.1.1 Elected Council

Ensure an environmental and public health policy is in place.

1.4.1.2 Environmental Health Coordinator

Ensure effective environmental and public health activities are undertaken in accordance with this policy.

1.5 Supporting documents

1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
	There are no procedures sitting under this Policy	

1.5.2 BVSC policies that relate to this policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
1.01	Community Wellbeing
3.02	Environmental Management
3.08	Asbestos Management
4.02	Onsite Sewage Management
4.05	Enforcement and Compliance
4.08	Drinking water supply
6.10	Communications

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