

# Environmental management



## NE2 – WE UNDERSTAND THE ENVIRONMENT

DELIVERY PLAN (2017-2022)	OPERATIONAL PLAN (2021-2022)			
ACTION	Action	Deliverable	Target	Responsible Department
NE2.1 Our natural environment is improved and protected.	NE2.1.1 Implement an inspection regime of systems and take appropriate action where systems are failing.	Undertake inspections of septic systems.	10 per month	Environment
		Monitor service records for aerated wastewater systems	10 per week	
	NE2.1.2 Provide a forum for Environmental Groups to discuss matters relating to the environment and advice Council.	Conduct meetings of the Environmental Advisory Committee in accordance with the terms of reference.	4 meetings per annum	
	NE2.1.3 Improve the community's knowledge of environmental issues.	Conduct waste education activities in association with Council's Waste Contractor.	Minimum of 2 per annum	Waste Services
	NE2.1.4 Provide the Alternate Fuel Rebate for the replacement of coal heaters with cleaner heating alternative to Lithgow, Wallerawang, Portland and Villages.	90% of Alternate Fuel Rebate applications processed within 30 days.	Number of rebates paid.	Environment
	NE2.1.5 Plan or assist in coordinating activities that raise awareness and positively engage the community in managing their natural environment.	Community engagement activities conducted.	4 per annum	Environment

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NE2.1 Our natural environment is improved and protected.	NE2.1.6 Attend Lithgow Oberon Landcare Association and other land care groups and provide support.	Landcare Coordinator to attend meetings as required.	100% of meetings attended.	
	NE2.1.7 Promote Lithgow City Council's involvement in Landcare activities through media, social media, website, Landcare newsletter and activity Calendar.	4 media releases per annum Regular posts on Lithgow City Council Facebook page. Calendar of activities developed and promoted. 2 Landcare newsletters distributed per annum	100% complete	
	NE2.1.8 Link funding opportunities to groups, projects and activities in the area. Distribute information and assist where applicable in helping groups to acquire funding.	Seek opportunities to increase funding for environmental activities.	100% complete	
NE2.2 Minimise negative impacts on the environment.	NE2.2.1 Control environmental and/or noxious weeds on public land through Council and/or services provided by the Upper Macquarie County Council.	Weed control undertaken along Farmers Creek, priority public roads and open spaces.	100% complete	Buildings & Recreation Facilities

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NE2.2 Minimise negative impacts on the environment.	NE2.2.2 Undertake energy audits of Council buildings/facilities and consider recommendations in the Operational Plan.	Investigate energy efficiency opportunities at water and wastewater plants.	100% complete	Water and Wastewater
	NE2.2.3 Comply with the Environment Protection Licences for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lithgow Sewerage Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Lithgow Water Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Portland Sewerage Treatment Plant</li> <li>• Wallerawang Sewerage Treatment Plant</li> </ul>	Number of incidences of non-compliance identified in relation to Sewerage Treatment Plant facilities.	100% of incidences reported	
	NE2.2.4 Comply with the environment protection licences for Lithgow Solid Waste Facility and Portland Garbage Depot.	Number of incidences of non-compliance identified in relation to waste management facilities.	Nil non-compliances	Waste Services
	NE2.2.5 To fulfil Council's appropriate regulatory authority responsibilities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act.	Respond to pollution incidents within 24 hours where Council is the appropriate Regulatory Authority.	100% complete	Environment