



Environmental Offsets Land Policy

Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth)

Environmental Offsets Act 2014 (Qld)

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Townsville City Council ("Council") recognises the importance of environmental offsets to protect Matters of National and State Environmental Significance.

To assist Townsville City Council's projects and developments on Council land, Council prioritises the use of suitable Council landholdings for environmental offsets.

2. PRINCIPLES

Council will manage its landholdings to identify Environmental Offsets, provide Environmental Offsets as required by law for Council's own projects, and make available land for Environmental Offsets for third-party projects to be developed on Council land subject to availability and commercial agreement.

3. SCOPE

This policy applies to Council projects and third-party projects on Council land which require Environmental Offsets under Commonwealth and State legislation.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

The Chief Planning and Development Officer is responsible for ensuring that this policy is understood, implemented and adhered to. The Chief Executive of Council is responsible for determining the allocation of land for Environmental Offsets and the commercial terms agreed with third party project proponents.

5. DEFINITIONS

Environmental Offset – means land that is approved under applicable legislation to offset an impact on matters of national or state environmental significance.

6. POLICY

6.1 APPLICATION

This policy applies to Council projects and third-party projects on Council land which require Environmental Offsets for matters of national or state environmental significance.

6.2 ALLOCATION

Council may make Council land suitable for Environmental Offsets available for Council projects which require environmental offsets or for third-party projects on Council land which require environmental offsets. Through this policy, Council will implement a strategy which outlines how Council will deliver or facilitate Environmental Offsets that are required for these projects.

7. LEGAL PARAMETERS

Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)

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