

Council Policy

Street Lighting



COUNCIL POLICY

 <p>Adelaide Hills COUNCIL</p>	STREET LIGHTING
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Responsible Department(s):	Strategic Assets
Relevant Delegations:	As per the Delegations Register and as detailed in this Policy
Other Relevant Policies:	Nil
Relevant Procedure(s):	Nil
Relevant Legislation:	Local Government Act 1999, Part 6, Section 132A
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Version Control

Version No.	Date of Effect	Description of Change(s)	Approval
1.1	25/2/2020	Amendments to clause 3.10 to provide consistency with changes to Council Petitions Policy	Council - Res 47/20
1.2	11/10/2021	Policy Revision	Council – Res 210/21

STREET LIGHTING POLICY

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This policy provides Council and its administration with principles and guidelines for the provision of street lighting.

2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The objectives of this policy are:
- Provide for a level of street lighting proportionate to the needs for individual roads.
 - Maximise standardisation of equipment and levels of lighting of roads for economic efficiency and equity reasons.
 - Improve safety and minimise liability risks.
 - To preserve the country living environment of the Adelaide Hills, hence street lighting within townships will be discouraged. There will be no street lighting outside of townships except where a significant road safety issue has been identified from crash data over the preceding three years.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 “SAPN” refers to SA Power Networks.
- 3.2 “LED” refers to the type of luminaire (lamp and head unit) that is a low cost, sustainable lighting solution that meets Australian Standards for lighting for roads and public spaces.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

The following reflects the Council’s position in respect to assessing requests for new lighting:

- 4.1 Under Council delegation pursuant to Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1999 the ability to authorise the installation of street lights be delegated to the Chief Executive Officer.
- 4.2 In rural areas, Council will reactively provide street lighting at junctions of its distributor and collector road network. Priority will be based on requests from the community and/or assessment by Council staff and will be subject to availability of funds in Council’s budget.
- 4.3 In township areas, street lighting to existing roads will be provided on a needs basis with priority being given to intersections of arterial roads with distributor and collector roads. As a general rule, Council will not provide new intermediate street lighting between road junctions.
- 4.4 Consideration will be given to the installation of additional street lighting only where a substantial road safety issue is identified.

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- 4.5 Wherever traffic control devices or traffic aids are installed and the Code of Practice for installation of traffic control devices requires lighting, lighting will be provided in accordance with that particular code.
- 4.6 Whenever Council decides to install a new street light, the light shall be installed in accordance with the relevant Australian Standard, electrical authority's guidelines and relevant Codes of Practice. All new lighting installed shall be LED.
- 4.7 Only SA Power Networks' approved equipment shall be authorised for street lighting in public roads or wherever Council will become responsible for the lights. Developers are not permitted to utilise non-standard lighting equipment in subdivisions that will become the responsibility of the Council.
- 4.8 Where overhead lines are in place, existing poles will be utilised wherever practical for the mounting of new lights in preference to installing additional poles.
- 4.9 Whenever Council proposes to install new street lighting, it will invite comment from the occupier of any dwelling within 100 metres and the owner of any land within 100 metres, prior to making a decision. (Note: this does not apply to new subdivisions).
- 4.10 Council shall not provide street lighting where it is considered that the primary purpose of the light is to provide a benefit to an adjoining landowner. That is the street lighting is being provided purely as security lighting for the residential property.
- 4.11 Requests from community groups will be considered for spot lights mounted on Council or SA Power Networks' poles provided that the community group undertakes to pay all initial and ongoing fees and charges. The potential of annoyance to neighbours will be taken into consideration before a decision is made.
- 4.12 Council does not provide light shielding of LED's as a service.

5. DELEGATION

- 5.1 The Chief Executive Officer has the delegation to:
- Approve, amend and review any procedures that shall be consistent with this Policy; and
 - Make any formatting, nomenclature or other minor changes to the Policy during the period of its currency.

6. AVAILABILITY OF THE POLICY

- 6.1 This Policy will be available for inspection at the Council's Offices during ordinary business hours and via the Council's website www.ahc.sa.gov.au. Copies will also be provided to the public upon request, and upon payment of a fee in accordance with the Council's Schedule of Fees and Charges.