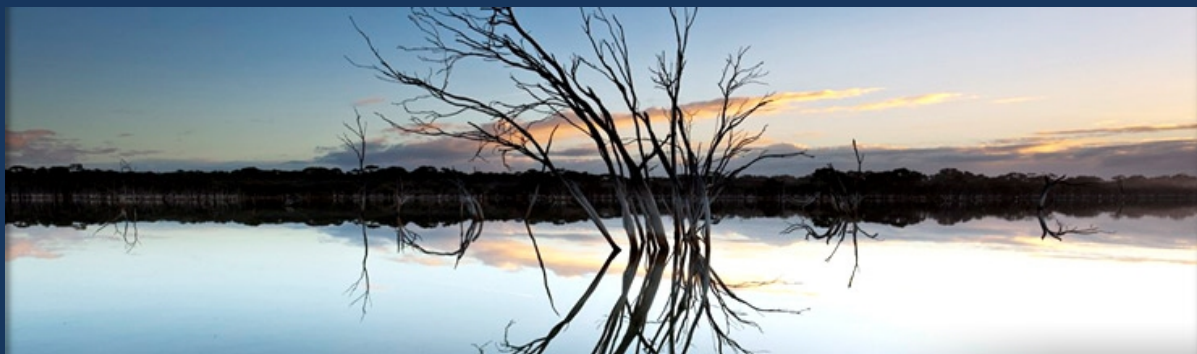




## Public Light Modifications



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| Responsible Department:      | Works & Infrastructure   |
| Minutes Reference:           | OCM/23/083   |
| Policy Adopted:              | 16/08/2023   |
| Applicable Legislation:      | SAPN - Technical standard TS-101 - Public Lighting - Design and Installation |
| Related Policies/Procedures: | Nil.   |
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## 1. INTRODUCTION

Where budgets permit, the Lower Eyre Council upgrades public lighting within the Council network to meet the relevant standards in line with Council strategic plans, budgets and priorities and on occasion, from public requests.

The policy recognises that the issue of light pollution will begin to assert itself in the public domain similar to other societal re-evaluations where there is environmental impact. The policy be will mindful of light pollution as it is reviewed from time to time.

Public lighting is provided for the benefit of pedestrians and motorists i.e. the broader community and while there are differing opinions on what lighting may or may not be required in a particular area, this policy seeks to outline the process that will be applied to requests for an alteration, either to an existing network or for the installation of new lighting.

## 2. OBJECTIVE


This policy provides guidance to staff in dealing with requests for alterations to the public lighting network and also in addressing requests for alteration of existing public lighting or lighting upgrades due to light spillage onto properties, without the need for referral to a Council meeting.

## 3. SCOPE

This section outlines Council's position in dealing with public requests for modifications to public lights to reduce light spillage onto private properties.

### 3.1 Considerations in Upgrading Public Lighting

- Lighting upgrades will consider recommended lighting standards and should not exceed those standards, nor the recommended standards referred to in the Street Lighting Strategy.
- In planning lighting upgrades, Council will give consideration of newer lighting technologies within budget constraints (such as LED lights that reduce light spillage).
- Where the installation of a new lighting system is planned, residents will be advised of the upgrade through the budget consultation process.

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### 3. SCOPE cont'd:

#### 3.2 Requests resulting from Public Lighting Upgrades

- Requests for alteration of public lighting are preferred in written form, however, Council administration staff can record a customer request originating verbally if required.
- Upon receipt of a request for such an alteration from a resident of light spillage from an installation, Council staff will acknowledge the request and advise:
  - a) that the relevant minimum lighting standard has been applied;
  - b) of the customer's ability to apply to the relevant public lighting provider to determine whether any modification can be carried out to the streetlight to prevent or reduce light spillage onto the complainant's property (Possible options in some cases could be a black painted strip or a shield, however this is dependent on the lighting type).
  - c) that any request for alteration must first have the support of the relevant Council staff which will be given, provided it does not compromise the set lighting standard (NB – The public light provider requires the approval of Council prior to any modification being carried out)
  - d) that any modification agreed to with the public light provider will be carried out at the customer's expense.

#### 3.3 Requests for alteration of Existing Public Lighting

- Requests for alteration of public lighting are preferred in written form, however, Council administration staff are able to record a customer request originating verbally if required.
- Upon receipt of a request, staff will investigate whether the public light conforms to the relevant lighting standard.
- Should the public light be found to meet the relevant standard, staff will act as per Clause 3.2(a-d) of this policy.
- Should the public light be found NOT to meet the relevant standard, staff will (at Council's cost):
  - a) explore options to modify the light, so that it complies with the relevant public lighting standards.
  - b) assess whether the cost of the modification can be accommodated within the current Council budget or whether it will need to be considered within future budgets
  - c) advise the customer of the outcome of a & b above and that should they not be satisfied with the allocated timeframes, they are welcome to pursue the modification of the offending public light as per Clause 3.2(b-d) of this policy.

## 5. RECORDS MANAGEMENT

All records shall be kept and disposed of in accordance with Council's Records Management Policy and the State Records legislation.

## 6. FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information regarding to this policy is available by contacting the Council office on 08 8676 0400.

## 7. ACCESS TO THE POLICY

The policy is available for public inspection on Council's website at [www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au](http://www.lowereyrepeninsula.sa.gov.au) and from council's office at 32 Railway Terrace, Cummins SA 5631.

Any grievances in relation to this policy or its application should be forwarded in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer of Council.

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