

PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONTRIBUTION – SUBDIVISIONS POLICY

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Applicable to Unit(s):	Whole Organisation
Responsible Officer:	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
Related Policies:	Heritage Policy Open Space Policy Playgrounds Policy
Related Documents:	Open Space Plan 2014-2024 Open Space Selection Criteria - Developer Contributions Wellington Planning Scheme
Statutory Reference:	<i>Subdivision Act 1988</i>

OVERVIEW

To establish policy for the management of public open space developer contributions.

THE POLICY

The provision of quality open space across the Shire is important for continued community health and well-being as well as making a significant contribution to town livability.

Developers are required under the *Wellington Planning Scheme* to provide a 5% contribution towards the provision of open space from planned sub-divisions. This contribution, at Council's discretion is in the form of land or money.

Aim of the Policy

This policy details guidelines for the receipt of any land or cash contributions as part of any proposed land development.

Any request for land or cash in lieu contributions from subdivisions will be consistent with the requirements of the *Wellington Planning Scheme* and shall be based on the directions and priorities of the Wellington Open Space Plan 2014-2024 and/or relevant Development Plans.

Priority consideration will be given to the following:

- Addressing gaps in current open space provision
- Contributing to the upgrade of, and improved access to, nearby existing open space
- Ensuring that open space is of a high quality and useable from a leisure and/or conservation perspective
- Establishing linear parks and linkages between areas of open space
- Retaining/enhancing significant conservation areas (including stands of remnant trees).

This policy is supported by the Open Space Selection Criteria – Developer Contributions guidelines. The

responsibility to ensure that the maintenance and implementation of the guidelines accords with Council's policy position is vested in the Manager Natural Environment and Parks. Any matter specifically requiring a Council determination shall be reported by the General Manager Built and Natural Environment.

HUMAN RIGHTS

Wellington Shire Council is committed to upholding the Human Rights principles as outlined in the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006 (Vic)* and referred to in Council's Human Rights Policy. The Human Rights Checklist has been completed and this policy accords with Council's policy commitment to uphold human rights principles.

REVISION HISTORY

VERSION	MAJOR / MINOR UPDATE	SUMMARY OF CHANGES
1.0	Not applicable	No changes applicable at this review
1.1	Minor	Date of Next Review updated to: December 2024 Minor formatting changes