

Responsible Department:	Development Services
Responsible Business Unit:	Environmental Health
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STATEMENT OF POSITION

The Shire of Chittering does not support the transport of nuclear waste within or through the district, or the establishment, construction or operation of facilities within the district for the processing, storage or disposal of nuclear waste.

BACKGROUND / CONTEXT

The Shire recognises that nuclear waste, radioactive material, transport, storage and related facilities are regulated through Commonwealth and State legislative frameworks, including radiation safety, environmental protection, transport and planning controls. This position provides a clear local-government statement to guide the Shire's response to any relevant proposal, consultation or matter affecting the district.

APPLICATION AND SCOPE

This Position Statement applies to Council, the Chief Executive Officer, Shire employees and external stakeholders when considering, responding to or making representations about proposals involving nuclear waste within or through the district.

The Position Statement stands alone as Council's adopted position. It does not establish operational procedures, create approval requirements or replace statutory assessment and approval processes administered by Commonwealth or State agencies. It does not limit the Shire's legal obligations or the exercise of any statutory function, power or discretion.

IMPLEMENTATION DIRECTION

Council expects this Position Statement to inform Shire advocacy, submissions, consultation responses, intergovernmental correspondence and strategic decision-making where matters involving nuclear waste arise.

The Position Statement may also guide the Shire's consideration of related land use planning, environmental emergency management and community safety matters. Any administrative implementation, including the preparation of correspondence or submissions consistent with this position, is the responsibility of the Chief Executive Officer.

COMPLIANCE

Legislation	<i>Local Government Act 1995 (WA)</i> <i>Planning and Development Act 2005 (WA)</i> <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)</i> <i>Radiation Safety Act 1975 (WA)</i> <i>Radiation Safety (Transport of Radioactive Substances) Regulations 2002 (WA)</i> <i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 (Cth)</i> <i>National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012 (Cth)</i>
Industry	Relevant radiation safety, environmental protection, transport and emergency management standards
Organisational Documents	Council Plan Local Planning Strategy Local Planning Scheme Local Emergency Management Arrangements Risk Management Framework
Strategic Alignment	

ADMINISTRATION

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