

Gladstone Regional Council

Council Policy

Title	WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY
Policy Number	P-2022-02
Business Unit/s	PEOPLE CULTURE AND SAFETY
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Date Repealed	

1.0 PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Work Health and Safety Policy is to demonstrate Council's commitment to providing a safe, supportive, protective and healthy working environment for our employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors to the workplace.

2.0 SCOPE:

All *workers* as defined under s7 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* of Gladstone Regional Council.

3.0 RELATED LEGISLATION:

- *Human Rights Act 2019*
- *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Act 1999*
- *Mining and Quarrying Safety and Health Regulation 2017*
- *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*
- *Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Regulation 2018*
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*
- *Work Health and Safety Regulation 2011*
- *Work Health and Safety (Codes of Practice) Notice 2011*

4.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- Drug and Alcohol Management Corporate Standard
- Electrical Safety Policy
- Fire Safety Policy and Corporate Standard
- Fit for Work Corporate Standard
- Medical Assessments and Health Monitoring Corporate Standard
- Rehabilitation & Return to Work Policy and Corporate Standard
- Risk Management Policy
- Risk Management Framework Corporate Standard
- Work Health and Safety Management System Corporate Standard

5.0 DEFINITIONS:

To assist in interpretation of this policy the following definitions apply:

Officer as defined in accordance with s27 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*

WHS means work health and safety

Worker means a worker as defined in accordance with s7 of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011* who is directly or indirectly engaged by Gladstone Regional Council.

6.0 POLICY STATEMENT:

Refer to policy commitment statement attached.

7.0 ATTACHMENTS:

Work Health and Safety Policy Statement

8.0 REVIEW MECHANISM:

This policy will be reviewed when any of the following occur:

1. The related legislation or governing documents are amended or replaced; or
2. Other circumstances as determined by resolution of Council or the CEO; or
3. Three years from date of adoption.

TABLE OF AMENDMENTS			
Document History	Date	Council Resolution No.	Notes (including the prior Policy No, precise of change/s, etc)
Originally Approved	3 September 2013	G/13/1704	P-2013/4
Amendment 1	18 August 2015	G/15/2516	
Amendment 2	4 July 2017	G/17/3102	P-2017-30
Amendment 3	19 June 2018	G/18/3432	P-2018-24
Amendment 4	17 December 2019	G/19/4034	
Amendment 5	15 March 2022		Formerly P-2019-31

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LEISA DOWLING
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

WH&S POLICY STATEMENT

Gladstone Regional Council is committed to providing a safe, supportive, protective and healthy working environment for our employees, contractors, volunteers and visitors to the workplace by adopting and promoting the provisions of the *Workplace Health and Safety Act 2011* and its associated Regulation, Codes of Practice and Standards.

All possible measures are taken to remove risks to the health, safety and welfare of employees, sub-contractors, authorised visitors and anyone else who may be affected by our operations. We seek the co-operation of and suggestions from employees, customers and visitors to assist in realising our health and safety objective to create a safe and healthy working environment.

Gladstone Regional Council recognises its responsibility to provide a safe and healthy work environment and is committed to maintaining a WHS Management System consistent with ISO 45001:2018, legislative requirements, industry technology, business focus and the allocation of WHS accountabilities and responsibilities to all stakeholders commensurate with their roles.

Gladstone Regional Council will achieve a safe and healthy workplace by:

- Consulting with employees and relevant stakeholders in the decision-making processes impacting on workplace health and safety;
- Complying with all legal requirements, codes of practice and standards applicable to our activities;
- Demonstrating visible safety leadership through our Team Leaders;
- Identifying and understanding the hazards inherent to the activities we undertake and effectively assessing, controlling and managing those risks;
- Providing appropriate training and support to our employees and contractors to enable them to understand our Safety, Health and Wellness vision and to allow them to perform their roles competently and safely;
- Setting measurable objectives, targets and key performance indicators for safety which drives continuous improvement in our health and safety performance with the aim of eliminating work-related illness and injury;
- Learning from our performance and continuously improving our processes and work practices; and sharing lessons learnt with others;
- Ensuring that all incidents are investigated fully - specifically identifying the causal and contributing factors so that appropriate corrective actions are taken;
- Regularly undertaking audits and inspections of our operations; and
- Communicating this policy to employees and interested stakeholders; and reporting on our health and safety performance openly and transparently.

All employees and contractors are required to:

- Carry out their work in accordance with GRC's safety policies, processes and procedures;
- Be accountable for their own safety, and that of others;
- Manage the hazards and risks inherent to the activities they undertake; and
- Report any hazards or identified risks and all incidents which cause actual or potential injury or damage.

We all have an obligation to ensure that we have a strong safety culture at Gladstone Regional Council and we expect that you will actively participate to achieve this.

Chief Executive Officer

Date: 15 March 2022