



# Gladstone Regional Council

## Council Policy

<b>Title</b>	<b>SINGLE USE PLASTICS</b>
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<b>Business Unit/s</b>	<b>ALL BUSINESS UNITS</b>
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### 1.0 PURPOSE:

To set guidelines for prohibiting single use plastics from Council operations.

### 2.0 SCOPE:

This policy applies to all Council operations.

### 3.0 RELATED LEGISLATION:

- *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.*

### 4.0 RELATED DOCUMENTS:

- Procurement Policy;
- Procurement Corporate Standard;
- Entertainment and Hospitality Expenditure Policy;
- Learning and Development Policy & Corporate Standard.

### 5.0 DEFINITIONS:

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

**“Balloon Art”** means the shaping of special modelling balloons into any given shape.

**“Council”** means Gladstone Regional Council.

**“Event”** means any planned activity where any structure (permanent or temporary), open area, road way, fenced or unfenced area will contain a number of persons greater than that normally found in that area of location at one time.

**“Procurement”** means the entering into of an agreement to purchase, hire, lease, rent or exchange by way of any transaction involving the outlay by Council of funds, goods,

equipment or services in return for the provision of goods and services to Council by another person, company, or other entity.

**“Procurement Activities”** means activities for the making of a Procurement for the carrying out of work or the supply of goods and services.

**“Single Use Plastics”** means plastic straws, plastic balloons (excluding balloon art), and light-weight plastic bags.

**6.0 POLICY STATEMENT:**

This policy prohibits single use plastics from all Council operations, including:

- Purchases of goods and services for, or that include the use of, single use plastics are prohibited from all procurement activities, including those undertaken by use of Corporate Credit Cards.
- Events run by Council must not use, sell or distribute single use plastics.

**7.0 ATTACHMENTS:**

Nil.

**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			
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