**Underground Power**

**KFA Natural and Built Environment**

**Status** Council

**Responsible Division** Technical Services

**Objective**  To complete the undergrounding of all overhead power distribution that still exists across the City of Nedlands.

**Context**

The City of Nedlands Community Strategic Plan 2018-2028 includes the provision of underground power as a Priority Strategy.

**Statement**

1. The Council supports the undergrounding of overhead power distribution that currently exists within the City of Nedlands and will both advocate to the State Government at every opportunity to achieve this and partner with relevant agencies on the planning and delivery of underground power;
2. TheCity will identify strategies for the funding of the underground power installation which minimise the cost to the City and property owners;
3. The City will develop a program to deliver the undergrounding of power to areas where overhead power currently exists in the shortest possible timeframe; and
4. The Council supports a method of equally distributing the costs for underground power projects as follows:
5. State Underground Power Project (SUPP) 50% funded by State / City and 50% funded by property owner; or
6. Local Government client funded underground power project funded by Western Power, the City and property owners with negotiated contributions.
7. The method of distributing the contribution by the property owner is included in the Underground Power Procedure.
8. The City will seek to install, own and manage the street light network and update to the latest lighting technologies including smart control.

**Related documentation**

Underground Power Procedure

**Related local law and legislation**

Local Government Act 1995 Section 6.38(1)

Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 Section 54(c)

**Related delegation**

Nil.

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