

1. Do residents have the ability to install drop/dry toilets in existing residential homes?

Internal bathroom retrofits are not development so no Development Approval as such is required. However, the new Public Health Act makes Council responsible for enforcing Waste Water Regulations, which generally refer to sewer and septic-type systems. Council references SA Health approved products. In the instance of a dry toilet, residents would be advised to work with Council and SA Health to ensure installation is safe and deals with any waste liquids and odours appropriately.

2. What has been done in the dog and cat management area? And what work has been done around cat registrations?

The Towards One Planet Living Plan specifically looked to develop appropriate strategies to provide for off-lead exercise of dogs away from biodiversity conservation areas. Since then Council has created two official dog park areas, as well as allowing off-leash play at all but ten of its reserves.

Additionally, the State Government's Dog and Cat Management Board has a Dog and Cat Management Act which Council must comply with. In addition, Council must have an Urban Animal Management Plan. Council has its Urban Animal Management Plan 2010-2015 which has guided numerous activities around animal management.

In relation to cat management, Council has a Cat By-law which requires a permit for more than 2 cats on a property. Council has held cat micro-chipping days and provides free cat cages as well as assistance to pensioners to capture nuisance cats, and can generally act on nuisance animals via the Nuisance Animal clause within the Local Government Act. Captured animals are sent to the Animal Welfare League via mutual arrangement.

Council investigated cat registration in September 2012 but given the other activities undertaken by Council in cat management, the generally low number of complaints relating to nuisance cats, and the relatively high resourcing requirement, this was considered to provide a low level of benefit at a reasonably high cost to the community.

The report is available as Item number 3.19 in the Minutes and Agenda document below:

<http://www.charlessturt.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/minutesAgendas/pd12-09-03-1.pdf>

Opportunities to raise cat registration or other cat management issues will be available during the planned review of Council's Urban Animal Management Plan in 2015/16 or direct contact can be made to the SA Dog and Cat Management Board in relation to the existing Act.

3. How to deal with building demolition where asbestos is potentially an issue?

In instances where a contractor is suspected of undertaking demolition inappropriately, Safe Work SA is the appropriate regulatory body and can be contacted on 8303 0405.

In general Council has found that there is a high level of understanding relating to the safe removal of asbestos. Council provides information and advice on appropriate removal and disposal practices to people undertaking removal at their premises, and continues to work with State government on identifying appropriate paths for dealing with complaints particularly relating to smaller demolition or building projects.

Inappropriate disposal of asbestos would be dealt with under Council's Illegal Dumping Strategy. See more information on Council's Illegal Dumping Program below.

4. What is done to stop builders / developers from pushing rubble into dunes and the environment?

As of 2011 Council has had a staff member dedicated to working with builders on keeping building sites to a decent standard. The focus is on education before expiation.

Staff commence education prior to building work starting; working with builders to keep rubble, washout and other aspects of building contained on site; and investigating or expiating if a site is not kept to a good standard and not cleaned up. While Council will expiate if necessary, this is considered the least preferred method and the number of expiations has decreased as working more closely with builders has increased.

Poor practices are identified by staff on routine inspections or via resident complaints.

If an instance of illegal dumping has occurred, then this is dealt with via Council's illegal dumping strategy which has five key areas:

- Education and Awareness building
- Prevention
- Investigation and Enforcement
- Monitoring and Evaluation, and
- Advocacy

As of September 2013, Council engaged a full-time illegal dumping compliance officer to implement the Illegal Dumping Strategy. This includes responding to complaints of illegal dumping in residential areas as well as in or near biodiversity areas, and will also include developing strategies to target illegal dumping in hot spot locations. Incidents of illegal dumping should be reported to Council on 8408 1111.

5. What issues is Council lobbying for with State government?

Council is regularly lobbying on a range of issues including waste management, public health, building and development issues, pollution and contamination management and so on.

Some environmental areas where Council has seen success in its lobbying efforts are:

- E-waste recycling for TVs and computers
- 6 star energy ratings inclusion in the Australian Building Code
- Waste and recycling requirements for new developments.

Additionally as the State Government undertakes its review of the Planning System through the Planning Reform project (which will make recommendations for changes to the planning legislation), Council is lobbying for amendments in a number of areas highlighted by our community, including for example the need for better provision of open space in medium and high density residential development and the provision of social infrastructure in infill developments.

The Strategic Directions Report (Council's 5 year policy program to update the Development Plan) was presented to the Strategic Development Committee (SDC) in May 2013. See the link to the report below, item 3.29 p 76. This was then endorsed by Council at the following meeting a week later.

<http://themine/corporate/councilagendasminutesreports/Council%20Agendas%20Minutes%20%20Reports/sd13-05-20%20-%20full%20version.pdf>

Three update reports have been presented to the SDC on the Planning Reform (the State Government's review of the planning system). The update reports were presented to SDC on 18/3/13, item 3.13 and on 19/8/13, item 3.49 and 17/2/14, item 3.7.