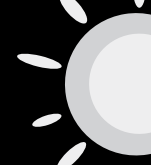


# HEALTHY ENVIRONMENTS Issue: 2.1 Sustainable Planning



## Objective(s):

- To increase public awareness of the significance of environmental planning and development processes
- To encourage environmental leadership in the community

	Strategy	Lead Agency and Key Partners	Timeframe	Performance Indicators/ Desired Outcomes
2.1.1	Research and develop public and environmental health impact assessment (EHIA) guidelines to strengthen the capacity of health agency staff to comment on the potential health impacts of development applications and State Interests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tropical Public Health Unit Health Promotion and Environmental Health</b></li> <li>• <b>Environmental Protection Agency</b></li> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Environmental Health</b></li> </ul>	Long	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guidelines for EHIA developed</li> <li>• Training for health agency staff on EHIA</li> </ul>
2.1.2	Increase community awareness of environmental planning laws and processes, community responsibility and mechanisms for involvement. Including the targeting of the following action areas: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• update Councils policies</li> <li>• provide public access to Council's policies on land use</li> <li>• develop a program to educate youth on integrated planning issues targeting students at high schools</li> <li>• development of educational media resources</li> <li>• tree protection local law awareness raising</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Planning and Development</b></li> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Environmental Management Services</b></li> </ul> <u>Stakeholders</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Institute Australia</li> <li>• Education Queensland</li> <li>• Environmental Protection Agency</li> </ul>	Short	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education program developed and implemented</li> <li>• User friendly Council policies</li> <li>• Improved knowledge of environmental values; how to get involved; IPA processes; sustainability; valuing the environment and Internet resources</li> <li>• Community understanding of relationship between environmental planning laws and environmental outcomes</li> </ul>
2.1.3	Development of community projects aimed at the assessment of significant vegetation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Environmental Management Services</b></li> </ul> <u>Stakeholders</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Groups</li> </ul>	Short - Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community project developed</li> <li>• Tree protection register updated</li> </ul>

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<p>2.1.4</p>	<p>Develop and implement policy on industry development for sustainable futures that reflect existing State Interest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Planning and Development</b></li> <li>• <b>Townsville City Council Environmental Management Services</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Stakeholders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of State Development</li> <li>• North Queensland Science Education</li> <li>• High Schools</li> <li>• Education Queensland</li> <li>• Townsville Enterprise</li> <li>• Department of Local Government and Planning</li> <li>• CSIRO Sustainability Project</li> <li>• NQ Water</li> <li>• Department of Natural Resources and Mines</li> <li>• NaREF network</li> <li>• Townsville Thuringowa Landcare Association</li> </ul>	<p>Medium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Best practice guidelines developed</li> <li>• Improved land use planning that values environmental assets</li> <li>• Reduced consumption of power and water</li> <li>• Greater efficiency and better use of natural resources</li> <li>• Increase uptake on industrial/commercial waste re-use (cleaner production principles)</li> <li>• Integration of state interest into planning schemes (policies and codes)</li> <li>• Demonstrated principals of sustainable vegetation management within performance indicators of industry development</li> </ul>
<p>2.1.5</p>	<p>Promote land use planning which supports the safety of pedestrians and cyclist and their ability to access services without the need to use a car</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Queensland Transport</b></li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better health and transport outcomes</li> </ul>

