

3.3 FRACKING

SUSTAINABILITY THEME

Environment

OBJECTIVES

This policy will guide any decision or notification by or on behalf of the City in relation to any application regarding onshore gas or oil extraction activities within the City.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City does not support the use of unconventional hydrocarbon resources (such as shale gas or tight oil) or gases contained within its boundaries or in any other formation that is drawn.

POLICY DETAILS

1. In respect to current and future proposals for onshore gas or oil or other extractive activities within the City:
 - 1.1. The City will not support any application for a resource consent or other approval regarding any decisions on onshore gas or oil or other extractive activities within the City.
 - 1.2. Support and advocate for the rights of communities and residents within the City to clean water, clean air and enjoyment of land without pollution or nuisance;
 - 1.3. Support and advocate for the rights of communities within the City (including pastoral, agricultural and horticultural, fishing and tourism businesses) to continue to enjoy their land and resources for their intended purposes;
 - 1.4. Support and advocate for the rights of communities within the City to have their views on water resources and the environment afforded the highest priority in decision making by the City;
 - 1.5. Support and advocate for the rights of individuals within the community to have their views on water resources and the environment afforded the highest priority in decision making by the City.

KEY TERM DEFINITION

Hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as fracking, is a method used by the oil and gas industry to increase the rate and total amount of oil and gas extracted from reservoirs.

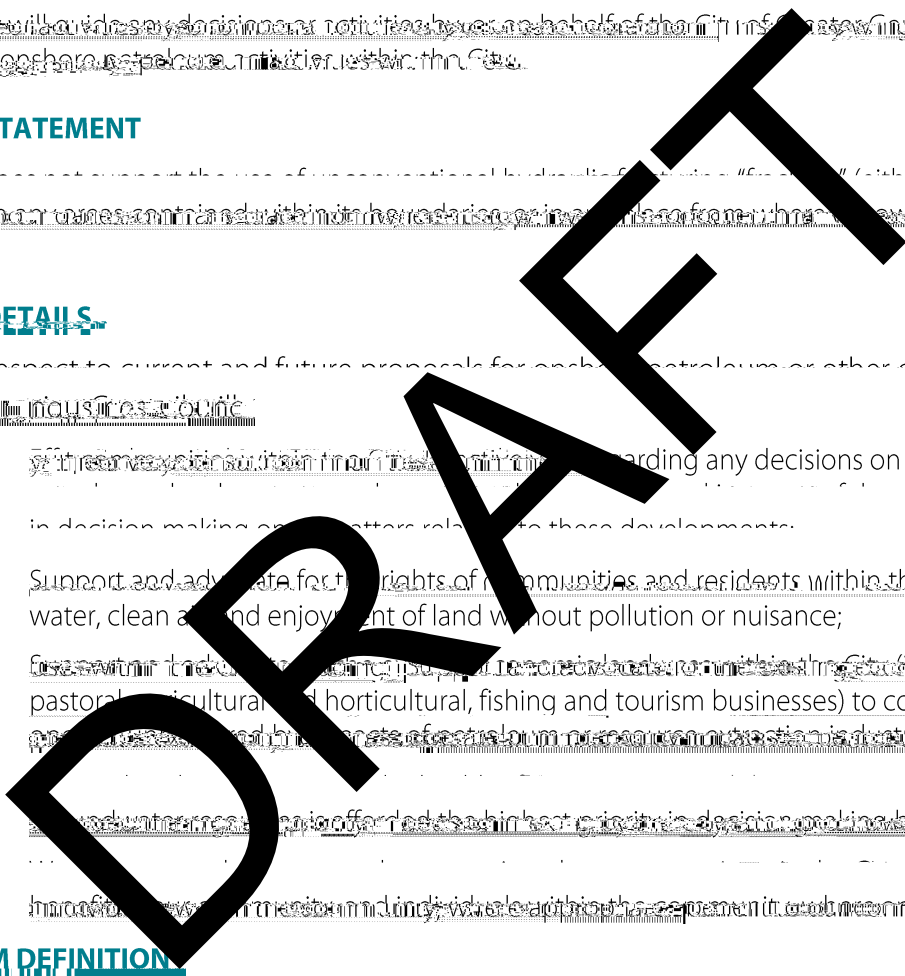
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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The City of Greater Geraldton Planning Policy is a document that provides guidance to the City of Greater Geraldton in relation to the planning and development of the City of Greater Geraldton.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1986

In 2017, the WA Government constituted an independent inquiry into the effects of the Environmental Protection Act 1986, to undertake and report on an inquiry into the effects of the





report (*Independent Scientific Panel Inquiry into Hydraulic Fracture Stimulation in Western Australia – September 2018*), and its Appendices, and associated information papers, are in the public domain and may be accessed online at www.frackinginquiry.wa.gov.au.

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POLICY ADMINISTRATION:

Directorate		Officer	Review Cycle	Next Due
Infrastructure Services		Manager of Waste, Climate & Environment	Biennial	2020
Version	Decision Reference	Synopsis		
3.		Policy Review		