
Section 5.4 - Infrastructure Management Services

**POLICY 5.4.3 -PREVENTION OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE
INTO NATURAL BUSHLAND AREAS**

OBJECTIVE

To ensure that natural bushland areas are protected from the effects of discharging storm water.

STATEMENT

Council opposes in principle the discharging of piped or artificially channeled storm water drainage into natural bushland areas, and no new stormwater outfalls are to be discharged into natural bushland areas that are managed or owned by the City of Joondalup.

The disposal of storm water into natural areas (bushland) is considered to be detrimental to the biodiversity of the bushland and is not viewed as a sustainable practice. In natural bushland areas where historically this practice has occurred the bushland has major weed and disease problems with raised nutrient levels and gross pollutants that have found their way into the bushland via drainage pipes. Grass weeds that proliferate around these drainage outfalls may pose a fire hazard when the grass dries out in the summer months.

The protection of the City's natural areas is implicit to the City's sustainability strategies, and the reduction of storm water inflow into natural bushland areas is seen as an integral component of ongoing biodiversity protection and preservation strategies.

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