

POLICY NO.	1.18
POLICY SUBJECT	Street Lighting Overspill
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1. Application:

This Policy shall apply to streetlights owned by Western Power and located on roads within the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

2. Introduction

Public street lighting is primarily provided to assist in the safe movement at night of motor vehicles and pedestrians, while further providing the benefits of discouraging illegal and anti-social behaviour. While a majority of street lights installed in residential areas are accepted for their purpose, at times Council has received complaints about obtrusive light shining into residential properties from the street light fitting back spilling light.

There are a range of reasons for new obtrusive lighting complaints, including but not limited to, the change of ownership of the property, modifications to the residence, replacement of the light fitting and the construction of a new home or units on the site.

2. Definitions:

“streetlight” means a raised electric light source located on the edge of a road within the Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

“streetlight shading” means a shade installed on a streetlight by Western Power which takes the form of a metal deflector or painted-out section of lens.

3. Statement:

Council acknowledges the loss of amenity associated with unwanted or unreasonable levels of light emitted from lighting infrastructure on public land that is adjacent to private residences.

The resident can make changes within their property to minimise the impact of light emissions, including the planting of landscaping, erection of fencing or the installation of heavier curtains or blinds.

Where resident initiated changes haven’t solved the issue there may be external remedies to reduce the lights impact, depending on the location of the street light. These may include:

- Adjustments to the light fitting mounting
- Relocation of the light
- Replacement of the light fitting with an alternate type (limited)
- Removal and relocation of the light

All of the above remedies will require the approval of Western Power. If Western Power resolves to pass the cost of these remedies onto the Shire then these costs will have to be met by the applicant (property resident or owner). The applicant will

be provided with a cost estimate of the work and payment in full will be required before a work order is issued to Western Power or authorised contractor.

If the above remedies are not the solution then Council will consider the installation of street light shading.

In order to balance the issue of amenity loss with public safety and cost recovery, the Shire will consider requests for streetlight shading from residents in accordance with the criteria outlined below.

4. Details:

4.1. Requests for Streetlight Shading:

a. Council will consider requests for streetlight shading where:

- additional streetlights or streetlight fittings have been installed as a result of road or other works;
- additional streetlights or streetlight fittings have caused a significant change to illumination levels;
- Western Power has advised the City that streetlight shading is appropriate; and/or
- a change to illumination levels is due to lamp replacement by Western Power.

b. Council will not consider requests for streetlight shading where:

- carriageway, path and verge illumination or safety would be compromised;
- amenity to neighbouring properties would be negatively affected; and/or
- Western Power has advised the City that streetlight shading is inappropriate and/or cannot be installed.

4.2. Contribution to Cost of Streetlight Shading:

Where a decision has been made to request the installation of streetlight shading, the cost of installing the shading will be met by the applicant. The applicant will be provided with a cost estimate of the work and payment in full will be required before a work order is issued to Western Power or authorised contractor.

5. Delegated Authority

The administration of this Policy is delegated to the CEO.