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**Nutrient Control for Development
- Lakes, Waterways and the
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ENVIRONMENT AND PLANNING - DEVELOPMENT

POLICY OBJECTIVES

- 1 To restore, improve and maintain high water quality within the Gosford City area with respect to stormwater generated by development and land use within the City.
- 2 To prevent excessive amounts of nutrients from entering and damaging local waterways, lagoons and estuaries and their respective ecosystems as a result of development.

POLICY STATEMENT

- 1 The Policy aims to achieve its objectives by developing and implementing a uniform set of nutrient control best management practices for all forms of private and public development in the City.
- 2 The guiding principles for nutrient control for development are:
 - a To encourage the protection, maintenance and enhancement of the vegetation along drainage lines which can act as nutrient sinks and remove nutrients from stormwater.
 - b To facilitate the installation and use of best management practices to improve water quality discharging from development sites of varying densities and scale within the City.
 - c To retain nutrients on site and/or to filter stormwater flows to remove nutrients prior to discharging of stormwater from development sites into any constructed drains or local waterways.
 - d The maintenance and use of vegetation on development sites be used to its best advantage in minimising and effecting the control and management of nutrients on site.
- 3 The uniform set of nutrient control guidelines and best management practices to be implemented for development are contained in the document "Water Cycle Management Guidelines".

PROCEDURE

The Procedure (attached), being an administrative process, may be altered as necessary by the General Manager.

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(Minute No 239/00 – 24 October 2000 – Review of Policies – no changes)

(Minute No 214/05 - 8 March 2005 - Review of Policies)

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ATTACHMENT - PROCEDURE

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- 1 This Policy applies to any proposal equal to or greater than a single residential dwelling, which will or may have the potential to involve:
 - a The alteration and concentration of drainage patterns and stormwater flows including the rate and/or volume of runoff associated with development, land use and construction sites entering directly or indirectly to waters or flowing over land; or
 - b The alteration or concentration of nutrients and their generation in the rate and/or volume of runoff entering directly or indirectly to waters, or flowing over land; or
 - c The generation of nutrient enriched stormwater runoff from land involved in development within the Gosford City area.

All private and public building, development, subdivision and activity subject to the assessment and approval of Council as an approving authority under the provisions of parts 4 and 5 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and/or approval under the Local Government Act 1993 will be subject to the provisions of this Policy.

- 2 All proposals to which this policy applies shall be undertaken in accordance with the Water Cycle Management Guidelines.
- 3 With respect to (2) above, Council will consider alternative proposals for nutrient control or management on their merits provided that the alternative would at least achieve an equivalent outcome.
- 4 Council will also have the ability to require the use of specific best management practice(s) that it considers suitable for the physical and environmental conditions of the particular development site.
- 5 Council will monitor the implementation of the Water Cycle Management Guidelines and review it as required.

IMPLEMENTATION

- 1 Directors are responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented within their directorates.
- 2 Co-operation is sought from all consent and development authorities operating in the City of Gosford to adopt the principles of this policy.