

## 1. Heads of Power

*Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*, section 4(2)(a) and (c).

## 2. Intent

The purpose of this policy is to establish principles for community engagement and to ensure Council's community and stakeholder engagement practices align with statutory requirements of the *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)*.

## 3. Scope

This policy applies to all Council employees, Councillors, Councillor Advisors, contractors, volunteers, and any other persons associated with the Council's activities.

## 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1. Community engagement involves different approaches depending on the levels of interaction, roles and relationship, objectives and the outcomes sought of a particular project or program.
- 4.2. When undertaking community engagement for significant projects or programs, engagement activities will be clearly scoped and communicated to stakeholders.
- 4.3. Where appropriate, Council will collaborate with other agencies and organisations to coordinate engagement activities at local and regional levels.
- 4.4. Council will be transparent and inclusive in its community engagement.
- 4.5. The aim with engagement activity will be to develop confidence in the process, encourage stakeholder participation and generate a shared sense of ownership and commitment.
- 4.6. Council will provide feedback to stakeholders to demonstrate how their input has influenced the outcome.
- 4.7. Council will encourage innovation and best practice in engagement, strive for continuous improvement and monitor and measure the effectiveness of engagement activities.

## 5. Associated Documents

Aurukun Shire Council Corporate Plan 2020-2025.  
Aurukun Shire Council Operational Plan 2024-2025.

## 6. Document Controls

Council will review this policy every two years or as required by changes in law or best practice.

## 7. Policy Owner

Director Community Services.