22.04 SOIL REMOVAL

This policy applies to the removal of soil from any site.

Policy Basis

The City’s soil resources, particularly highly productive soils, are a major natural resource which should be protected and managed.

Objectives

- To ensure that productive soils are not lost from agricultural and horticultural production.
- To ensure that the future of agricultural industries are not prejudiced by the removal of soils.
- To ensure that the natural environment is not degraded by loss of soil, degradation of water quality or loss of native vegetation and habitat.

Implementation

It is policy that:

- Soil will only be removed from the site of a building or works permitted pursuant to this planning scheme and where it can be demonstrated that the retention of the soil would prejudice the proper construction of the building or work.
- An application for a permit for the removal of soil will be referred in accordance with Section 55 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to the Department of Natural Resources and Environment, the North East Catchment Management Authority and to any relevant Drainage or Water Authority. The responsible authority will have regard to the comments received from such authorities.