GENERAL POLICIES

The General Policies for the Shire are:

- Land use and development should take into account land capability and be compatible with the protection and management of the Shire’s natural and cultural resources.
- Decisions by the Council should take into account the strategic directions, Strategic Framework Plan and the land use strategy plans for townships and settlements forming part of this Municipal Strategic Statement.
- In determining applications for the use and development of land, Council should seek to ensure that:
  - Land is used, developed and managed in a sustainable manner;
  - Water quality within the catchments of the Shire is protected and improved;
  - The cultural and natural heritage is protected;
- Rural land should be protected and diversification of rural land uses should be encouraged where appropriate.
- The amenity of residents is to be maintained and provision made for a variety of lifestyles and residential needs.
- Local employment opportunities should be developed, in particular through value adding to local product.
- The following documents should be referred to (as may be relevant) when assessing and evaluating applications for use and development or Planning Scheme amendments:
  - Beaufort Business Area Strategy Plan, 1994, Henshall Hansen & Assocs Pty Ltd;