



Shading of Streetlights

Status Council

Responsible Division Technical Services

Objective To outline Council's position on the provision of shading of streetlights owned by Western Power and located in the road reserve within the City of Nedlands.

Context

The City considers 'spill light' that emanates from street lighting as a necessary incident of the amenity of an urban area in which street lighting is required by statute. Street lighting is provided in the public interest for safety reasons.

The City is vested with care, control and management of road reserves (excluding main roads) upon which streetlights are situated and has a general duty of care to persons using the road reserve. The City is only partially responsible for the provision of street lighting in that it covers electricity running costs and advises Western Power of streetlight faults as it becomes aware. The City does own a small number of streetlights situated within the City of Nedlands.

The City is not authorised to modify streetlight infrastructure however, it is able to facilitate requests for shading of streetlights through authorising Western Power to shade or modify a streetlight. The City will only consent to authorising streetlight shading if it is satisfied that the proposed modification would not impede the proper and adequate lighting of the road reserve in accordance with all applicable installation and safety standards. The City will consider the modification of all streetlights in line with the policy statement as described below.

For the purposes of this policy, streetlight means any fixed raised source of light located adjacent to a road, cycleway, footpath or thoroughfare within the City of Nedlands.

Statement

The City will consider requests for streetlight shading where:

- road or other works have necessitated the installation of additional streetlights or streetlight fittings;
- additional streetlights or modifications to streetlight fittings have caused a significant change to illumination levels;
- a change to illumination levels has occurred due to lamp replacement by Western Power;



- Western Power has advised the City that streetlight shading is appropriate and will not adversely affect the proper and adequate lighting of a road, cycleway, footpath or thoroughfare; and
- There are concerns about detrimental impacts on wildlife.

The City will not consider requests for streetlight shading where:

- safety would be compromised due to inadequate lighting of a road, cycleway, footpath or thoroughfare as a result of the modification;
- there is evidence that amenity to neighbouring properties would be negatively affected; and/or
- Western Power has advised the City that the streetlight shading is inappropriate, cannot be installed and/or it does not currently provide this service.

Assignment of Costs

Where the decision to provide shading of a streetlight has been authorised by the City at the request of and for the benefit of owners of private property, the full cost of investigation, design and installation of the shading will be met by the applicant.

Related documentation

Nil.

Related Local Law/legislation

Local Government Act 1995

Electricity Corporations Act 2005

Related delegation

Nil.

Review History

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