

SC6.13 Planning scheme policy for the utility code

SC6.13.1 Purpose

The purpose of this planning scheme policy is to:-

- (a) provide advice about achieving outcomes in the **Utility code**; and
- (b) identify and provide guidance about information that may be required to support a development application where subject to the **Utility code**.

Note—nothing in this planning scheme policy limits Council’s discretion to request other relevant information under the Development Assessment Rules made under section 68(1) of the Act.

SC6.13.2 Application

This planning scheme policy applies to development for a renewable energy facility which requires assessment against the **Utility code**.

SC6.13.3 Advice relating to the establishment of a renewable energy facility

The following is advice for achieving outcomes in the **Utility code** relating to location and site suitability outcomes where involving development for a renewable energy facility:-

- (a) compliance with Performance Outcomes PO1 of **Table 9.3.21.3.1 (Performance outcomes and acceptable outcomes for assessable development)** of the **Utility code** may be demonstrated in part or aided by the submission of supporting information prepared by a competent person which provides details about:-
 - (i) the amount of electricity likely to be generated by, and the design voltage output of the proposed renewable energy facility;
 - (ii) the proximity of the proposed renewable energy facility to existing electricity infrastructure (e.g. substations, power lines);
 - (iii) whether existing electricity infrastructure has capacity to accept feed in from the proposed renewable energy facility; and
 - (iv) the extent of any new or upgraded electricity infrastructure that would be required to accommodate the proposed renewable energy facility (other than connection to an existing power line in an adjoining road or easement).

Note—for the purposes of this planning scheme policy, a competent person is an appropriately qualified and experienced electrical engineer with appropriate and proven technical experience in providing advice about electricity infrastructure networks and augmentation requirements.