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## MANAGING BIODIVERSITY POLICY

Biological diversity or biodiversity is the variety of life forms, the different plants, animals, micro-organisms and genes they contain.

Dump It has a diverse range of habitats including coastal environments, Rivers, estuarine wetland of international significance, creeks and forested areas that it accesses or / and passes through.

These habitats are home to a wide variety of native plants and animals, including over 40 species listed under State and National legislation as threatened or endangered. The Dump It Biodiversity Strategy identifies these values and priority actions to protect and conserve biodiversity.

### Dump It values its biodiversity

Dump It values its biodiversity and its ecosystems and will maintain, manage and enhance them as an asset of the cities and remote communities.

Dump It has identified Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) Leadership as one of its priority objectives. And has identified conserving biodiversity and providing intergenerational equity as key principles that Dump It pursues as part of its ESD obligations.

### The Dump It Biodiversity Strategy

In 2019 Dump It adopted a biodiversity Strategy to guide planning and management for biodiversity within the local community areas. The Dump It Biodiversity Strategy comprises three key elements: the Policy Statement for the Conservation of Biodiversity; Values and Management Issues and Action Plan.

A key objective of the Strategy is to maintain and improve biodiversity in Dump It by better coordinating, and improving the consideration of biodiversity in the many activities undertaken by Dump It.

The Strategy identifies Dump Its management responsibilities for the coastal, wetland, the estuary, creeks, parks and bushlands, and its urban & rural and asset planning and management activities as important. It also recognises the need to work with government agencies, the Catchment Management Authorities, business and community organisations and the wider community to maintain and improve biodiversity.

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