

Policy Name	Graffiti Management
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Responsible Department	Community Development
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Applicable Legislation	Graffiti Control Act 2001 Graffiti Control Regulations 2013 Local Government Act 1999
Related Governance Documents	Council Policy – Public Art “The Grafters” Graffiti Removal Volunteer Manual
City Plan Theme	Community Placemaking

1. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

Illegal Graffiti detracts from the visual amenity of the area, contributes to people feeling unsafe, is damaging to property and a cost burden to the community. The act of marking a building, structure or place with graffiti, without the permission of the owner, is a criminal offence which can attract penalties under state law.

Graffiti is identified as a crime under the *Graffiti Control Act 2001*. This policy sets out Council’s approach to minimising the incidence of graffiti and reducing its impact on the community.

2. SCOPE

This policy applies to illegal graffiti on public and private property in the City of Port Adelaide Enfield. Street art or any art that is commissioned, with the prior consent of the building owner is outside the scope of this policy. This policy excludes Public Art and Placemaking activities for which permission is granted by Council, and are the subject of a separate policy.

3. POLICY

3.1 Key principles

Council utilises the following principles in managing the incidence of graffiti and its impact:

- **eradication** – based on a program of rapid removal.
- **education and Engagement**– with individuals and groups for the purposes of prevention (including via the use of CPTED principles) and eradication;
- **enforcement** – by working with SAPOL, residents, businesses and others to support efforts to prosecute those responsible for graffiti.

3.2 Eradication of Graffiti

Rapid removal of graffiti has been shown to be one of the most effective strategies for reducing the frequency, recurrence and extent of graffiti in an area. It also reduces the exposure time of the graffiti and makes the graffiti physically easier to remove. Council is therefore committed to removing graffiti, or working with property owners to do so, as quickly as possible.

3.3 Removal of Graffiti from Council and Public Property

Council will be responsible for removing all graffiti from assets owned by Council or under Council's care and control. This includes assets owned by Council and leased to a third party.

3.4 Removal of Graffiti from Private Property

Council may remove or obliterate graffiti from private property that is visible from a public place in accordance with Part 4, Section 12 of the Graffiti Control Act 2001 and the Graffiti Management Guidelines.

3.5 Education and Engagement

The prevention and eradication of graffiti requires whole of community support. To ensure a proactive and comprehensive approach Council will from time to time undertake activities and initiatives that seek to educate and engage:

- those likely to engage in graffiti on the impact and consequences of their actions, while providing appropriate avenues for skill development and creativity;
- other agencies and partners able to support Council's efforts to prevent, reduce, remove and minimise the incidence and impact of graffiti.

3.6 Enforcement

Council will work with SAPOL and other law enforcement agencies to support their efforts in prosecuting, cautioning or diversionary responses of those responsible for graffiti.

4. GUIDELINES

Council will develop and from time-to-time update a set of Graffiti Management Guidelines which outline in detail how these principles will be given effect.

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Council is responsible for:

- endorsing a Graffiti Management Policy.
- endorsing changes to the Graffiti Management Policy, or changes to the Graffiti Management Guidelines which significantly alter the intent or operations.

Council Administration is responsible for:

- developing and updating the Graffiti Management Guidelines;
- recruiting, supervising and managing contractors and volunteers (known as Grafters) responsible for the removal of illegal graffiti;
- coordinating and delivering services and activities required to enact the Policy and Guidelines.

The Community Development Manager is responsible for the oversight and review of this Policy.

6. DEFINITIONS

Contractor – a business engaged by the City of Port Adelaide Enfield to undertake work on behalf of Council.

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) – is a set of efforts to design out, reduce and deter crime through good urban and environmental design. It works by increasing the perceived likelihood of detection and apprehension. The principles of CPTED are:

Graffiti – in the context of this policy, means the illegal or unauthorised application of words, figures, drawings, pictures, stickers or designs which have been drawn, painted, sprayed, marked, pasted or otherwise affixed on any surface of public or private property.

Grafters – A team of skilled Council volunteers responsible for the removal of graffiti across the City of Port Adelaide Enfield.

Private Property – property within the City of Port Adelaide Enfield boundaries for which rates are payable to Council.

Public Property – property owned by or under the care and control of the City of Port Adelaide Enfield, a State Government agency or utility provider.