

TOGETHER WE PROUDLY ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Intent

All council work and activities that have the potential to cause harm to the safety and wellbeing of workers, public or the environment, or to cause damage to property, are carried out in accordance with a safe systems of work including plans and documented procedures, so as to ensure safe work practices.

Performance Requirements

- Operational systems and procedures are established and implemented where relevant risks have been identified.
- Plans and procedures address the required method for carrying out work activities and managing other operational aspects and include specific responsibilities. As a minimum, these must cover induction, operator training and competency, lone worker, permit to work system, locking, tagging and isolation procedures, and also communication at shift handover.
- Plant and equipment drawings manuals, design data and operating limits are documented, understood and available for all plant and equipment.
- Key operating risks, including safety critical activities are identified, measured, monitored, analysed and reviewed.
- Risks introduced by high activity levels, by activities which are unusual or infrequent, or by the interaction of activities, are assessed and managed.

- Systems are in place to manage and formally document the activation, maintenance, isolation and deactivation of safety critical equipment and other critical controls.
- A permit to work process is in place which incorporates checks and authorisations consistent with mechanical and operational risks.
- As a minimum, the permit to work system covers hot work, working at heights, confined space and excavation permits.
- Decommissioning, remediation and restoration plans are established, costed and reviewed regularly using risk-based studies for end of life equipment and/or facilities.
- Applicable laws, regulations, permits and other regulatory requirements for operational activities are met, and the resulting operating requirements are documented and communicated to those affected. Compliance with these requirements is periodically verified.

