



POLICY DOCUMENT

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. To provide clear guidelines for the safe management and maintenance of Councils public playgrounds.
- 1.2. To provide guidance on the standards of provision and future direction in the development of Councils playgrounds with respect to the communities current and future needs.

2. DEFINITIONS

Soft Fall:	The surface underneath and around the playground that provides an impact absorbing layer in the event of a fall from the playground equipment.
Local Playground:	Small scale playground aimed at serving the immediate residents within 300-500m (10 minute walk).
Neighbourhood Playground:	Slightly larger than local playgrounds with more equipment/facilities and a catchment area of approximately 1 kilometre.
Regional Playground:	The largest of all the categories with a high level of equipment and facilities. Located on large public open spaces and designed to serve all residents of the City as well as the wider community and visitors to the City.

3. PRINCIPLES

3.1. *Safety and Compliance*

- 3.1.1. The construction and maintenance of playground equipment will be carried out according to Australian Standards for Playgrounds (AS/NZS 4486.1:1997, AS/NZS 4222:1996, AS 4685: (parts 1-6)2014).
- 3.1.2. Playgrounds containing sand soft fall will be raked weekly to remove debris and to maintain the minimum required depth.
- 3.1.3. All playground equipment including the depth of soft fall will be inspected monthly by the Parks and Gardens Department utilising Councils Inspection/Maintenance Forms (Template 16-55-T3)
- 3.1.4. That where a hazard or non compliance issue has been identified, corrective action be taken without delay. Where the defect cannot be immediately repaired, the item shall be secured against further use or removed.
- 3.1.5. When using sand as soft fall, the most compliant local sands can be sourced from Yellaroo Quarries (Poonindie) or Warrayappa Sands (Cowell). This was determined by the 2010 DECS (Department for Education of Childrens Services) Report on "Testing of sand as an impact attenuating surface in Eyre Peninsula playgrounds".

4. PARK AND PLAYGROUND GUIDELINES

- 4.1. Council will provide an equitable distribution of public playgrounds to residents across the City using the hierarchal system of Local, Neighbourhood and Regional playgrounds.
- 4.2. Council will aim to provide fun and stimulating play spaces that engage the community, foster the growth and development of children and encourage an active lifestyle.
- 4.3. Where possible, elements of the natural environment should be incorporated into the design of play spaces. These elements include trees, mulch, sand, logs and boulders as they enhance opportunities for exploration, imagination and creativity.

5. RELEVANT DELEGATED POWERS AND DUTIES

Any actions or decisions made regarding this policy, will be enacted upon as per Council's current Delegations Register.

6. REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed by the City of Port Lincoln within twelve months after the conclusion of each periodic election, or on significant change to legislation or aspects included within this policy.

7. REFERENCES

- City of Port Lincoln Playground Review Report – 2006
- 16-55-T3 – Playground Daily-Monthly-Inspection Checklist
- By-Law No 4 Local Government Land
- City of Port Lincoln Strategic Plan 2007-2017

- Testing of sands as impact attenuating surfaces in E.P Playgrounds 2010 – Department for Education and Children’s Services.
- AS/NZS 4486.1: 1997 – Playgrounds and Playground Equipment: - Part 1: Development, Installation, Inspection, Maintenance and Operation.
- AS/NZS 4422: 1996 – Playgrounds Surfacing: Specifications, Requirements and Test Methods.
- AS 4685: (parts 1-6) 2014– Playgrounds Equipment and Surfacing:
- AS2155: 1982 Playgrounds: Guide to Siting and to Installation and Maintenance of Equipment
- LGA Mutual Liability Scheme – Playground Guide for Local Government