

## COUNCIL POLICY EN309

# SHADE OVER PUBLIC PLAYGROUNDS

KEY FOCUS AREA ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

### Purpose

To provide a framework for the provision of shade over public playgrounds.

### Policy

Council recognizes the importance of shade over public playgrounds in the interests of extending usability, enhancing user comfort and safety and protecting the equipment against UV degradation. Council therefore supports the following:

- The planting of deciduous, wide canopy trees around playgrounds to provide natural shade in the first instance (in line with Council's Tree Preservation Policy EN306 and Street Tree Policy EN305)
- The use of shade structures (e.g. shade sails) as permanent installations where natural shade is not a practical option.
- The possible use of shade structures (e.g. shade sails) as interim measures until trees have grown sufficiently.

This policy is to guide the development of a "Playground Shade Provision Plan" that prioritizes playgrounds and their need for shade and determines the type of shade required.

This policy is in line with Goal 1: Liveability, Objective 1.3: Develop the public realm as gathering spaces for participation and enjoyment.

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<b>Legislation:</b>	<i>Local Government Act 1995</i>		
<b>Organisational:</b>	Cancer Council's Shade Handbook Shade Provision Plan – to be developed Prioritization of playgrounds for their need for shade Playgrounds are to be assessed as to whether they need natural shade or built shade		
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