

Nuclear free Fremantle

Policy scope

This policy formalises the position of the City of Fremantle's on nuclear issues.

Policy statement

1. The whole municipality of Fremantle is a nuclear free zone.
2. Council does not support the construction of nuclear power stations within the municipality.
3. Council would object to uranium, nuclear waste or other material connected with the nuclear power industry being stored or transported in or through the municipality.
4. Council is not opposed to the responsible use of radio-isotopes in hospitals within the municipality, as it believes the benefits to the users outweigh the risks to the community at large.
5. Council supports the attempts by the Shire of Chapman Valley to have its anti-nuclear policy incorporated into its town planning scheme.
6. Local Planning Scheme No. 4 includes provisions that preclude Council from approving 'nuclear activity' on zoned land within the municipality.
7. Council opposes the development of a nuclear waste facility in Western Australia, in particular it opposes any attempt to ship nuclear waste or products related to the construction of such a facility through Fremantle.
8. Visits by nuclear powered and/or armed ships

The conduct of visiting nuclear powered and/or armed ships is controlled through a commonwealth government document called 'Visits by Nuclear Powered Warships to Australia Ports'. These guidelines stipulate that each visit is individually planned by a committee comprising various federal and state government agencies such as policy, health department, navy, defence, state emergency service and the Fremantle Port Authority and an emergency drill is practiced before each and every visit. Each vessel is given a specific location. In Fremantle none area allowed in the inner harbour. Four mooring points are allocated in Gage Roads. Two monitoring zones (600 metres and 2.2km) are recognised and there is continuous fixed and mobile radiation monitoring during a vessels stay. The presence of nuclear arms on a vessel may or may not be revealed. This is controlled by the Department of

Defence in Canberra. Fremantle Port Authority advised they would not expect to be informed.

9. Transport of nuclear materials

The transportation of nuclear materials is controlled Australia wide via the Code of Practice for the Safe Transport of Radioactive Substances 1990, administered in WA through the Department of Health.

Definitions and abbreviations

Nil.

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