



COUNCIL POLICY

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Policy

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1 INTRODUCTION

This policy seeks to ensure the most effective application of design principles and guidelines, which aim to reduce the potential for crime in the City by specifying the circumstances in which the established principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) should be applied.

CPTED is based on **four design and usage concepts** that can lead to a reduction in the incidence and fear of crime and an improvement in the quality of life.

- **Natural Surveillance** - the location and use of design features and activities that create a perception of increased risk of detection for intruders and of increased safety and security for legitimate users.
- **Access Control** - the use of design features that deny offenders access to targets, reduce escape opportunities and guide legitimate users through the environment.
- **Territoriality** - the use of physical features designed to express ownership / control of the environment and delineate private and semi-private spaces.
- **Maintenance** - ensuring adequate measures are taken to ensure the continued use of space for the intended purpose and increased feelings of safety for users.

2 POLICY OBJECTIVE

One of the ways to improve the safety and security of people and property throughout the City is by the incorporation of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles in:

- the Council's design and management of the public realm,
- management and development of the Council's own properties, and
- assessment of new developments through the Development Plan.

3 POLICY STATEMENTS

- 3.1 Council recognises that in order to attract people to the City to live, work and spend leisure time, it must create an environment in which people feel safe and opportunities for crime are minimised. To this end **Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles** will be applied by the Council in its design and management of public places, and in its policies relating to property and public space development.
- 3.2 Council will implement these principles through its roles in:
- **designing, constructing and managing the public realm** - all Council capital works projects, particularly public realm upgrades and renewals, will demonstrate best practice in CPTED;
 - **advocacy, education and advice** - Council will promote an understanding and implementation of CPTED principles among the design, investment and development sectors in the City;
 - **acquisition, design and management of Council-owned and occupied properties, businesses and assets** - Council will demonstrate and support best practice in CPTED

through its asset development and management, particularly in U-Parks and in the Park Lands; and

- ***influencing private development activity*** - Council will ensure that CPTED principles are incorporated in the Development Plan.

4 MAJOR LEGISLATIVE AND CORPORATE REQUIREMENTS

The Policy will operate having regard to the provisions of the *Development Act 1993* in relation to its application in development assessment through the Development Plan. Otherwise it will operate within the scope of the *Local Government Act 1999*.

The Policy will contribute to achievement of the Vivacity goal of the Council's New Directions statement:

VIVACITY - A place where people build their future.

- By 2010 Adelaide will be the living model for future cities, attracting average daily visitor numbers of at least 150,000.
- By 2006 Adelaide will have gained international recognition for its development as a city, attracting average daily visitor numbers of at least 125,000.

In adopting this policy it is recognised that it will meet the requirements of Council's *Community Safety Strategy 2003 - 2007*.