

Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy

Decision Story 2024

Each Council is required to have a Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy. The purpose of this policy is to reduce the risk of injury, death, ill health or damage that may occur as a result of dangerous, affected and/or insanitary buildings.

Council's approach to these buildings is reactive. This means that Council investigates these buildings once they are brought to attention but does not actively seek them out.

We recently reviewed our policy to make sure it's still effective. Updates were made to the policy to ensure that the policy complied with legislative requirements, recognised social, cultural and economic wellbeing as impacting factors, had a clearer structure and reduced repetition. The key change was adding "affected buildings" into the policy.

What do we mean by dangerous, affected and insanitary?

Dangerous buildings: A building likely to cause injury, death or damage to other property, or a building likely to cause injury or death due to fire hazard or building occupancy.

Affected buildings: A building near to a dangerous building or dangerous dam.

Insanitary buildings: A building likely to cause ill health or does not have potable water (drinking water) or sanitary facilities (suitable toilet/wastewater facilities).

Engagement with our community

Public consultation on the draft Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings policy ran from 16 September to 16 October 2024.

2 submissions were received during this timeframe.

This level of engagement was anticipated given the specific nature of the policy, and minor changes proposed. There are no changes to the policy as a result of this feedback.

Where to find more information

You can read the policy [here](#).

