



COUNCIL POLICY

Port Moorowie Dark Sky Lighting

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Strategic Plan Objective:	2. Community Connected through Infrastructure 3. Valued and Restored Environment 4. Community Engaged and Supported		
Policy Owner:	Director Assets and Infrastructure Services	Record Number:	26/12437
Responsible Officer:	Operations Manager	Minute Reference:	045/2026 (11/02/2026)
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1. POLICY OBJECTIVES

The Yorke Peninsula Council (Council) recognises the uniqueness and opportunities available to Port Moorowie to preserve the night sky.

This policy aims to adopt the principles of the International Dark Sky Association (IDSA) which encourages outdoor lighting practices that will minimise light pollution, glare and sky glow in order to preserve the natural dark of the night sky and reduce artificial light effects on human, plants, and animals including sea creatures.

Council under this Dark Sky Lighting Policy for Port Moorowie aims to:

- Ensure that Council, other Government bodies and private landholders within Port Moorowie understand how they can assist, attain, preserve and promote the Dark Sky principles.
- Ensure that any new public lighting within Port Moorowie meets the standards and requirements expected of the Dark Sky principles.
- When the time comes, retrofit existing outdoor public lighting, ie the boat ramp in Port Moorowie, to meet the standards and requirements expected of the Dark Sky principles.

2. SCOPE

This policy shall only apply to the designated area of Port Moorowie Township. This Policy can be updated via further Council Resolution to other areas pending a process which is to include public consultation on an updated Draft.

3. DEFINITIONS

Refer to Attachment 1.

4. POLICY STATEMENT

The Yorke Peninsula Council recognises the uniqueness and opportunities available to Port Moorowie within the district and seek to have the opportunity to be recognised as a Dark Sky Community within the Council area only. considered in two parts:

- a) Public Lighting Infrastructure: lighting infrastructure owned/managed by Council, government bodies and/or other service authorities for the purpose of lighting public spaces and infrastructure ie the boat ramp light at Port Moorowie
- b) Private Infrastructure: focussing on community education, with private landowners being encouraged to upgrade existing external lights to be compliant with Dark Sky standards.

4.1 New Public Infrastructure in Port Moorowie

If meeting all requirements under Australian Standards and/or other local authority standards, the Yorke Peninsula Council wishes to install and manage any outdoor public lighting, it shall be in accordance with the minimum requirements for lighting under the 'Dark Sky Friendly' principles.

Where possible, lighting shall be 'Dark Sky Friendly' through the following principles:

- Outdoor public lighting should only be installed when deemed necessary and should only be activated when needed.
- All outdoor lighting should be directed downwards so that light trespass is avoided.
- Fittings should include light shields so that light is directed downwards and there is no upward lighting.
- The intensity of outdoor lighting should be appropriate for its intended use.
- Correlated colour temperature (CCT) of lighting shall be less than 3000K but preferably 2000K.

4.2 Public Street Lighting

As Port Moorowie does not currently have any street lighting and there have not been any applications for it to have public street lighting, it will remain without street lights. Should this change in the future, then Council specify the lowest level category, as indicated in current Australian Standards, to keep the lighting level (and tariff costs) as low as possible, whilst recognising Council's obligations around crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED).

Installation of any public street lighting in Port Moorowie will be to the minimum specifications in accordance with current Australian Standards and utilising standard SA Power Networks luminaries which meet CCT requirements of lighting than 3000K but preferably 2000K.

Should there be any street lighting installations in Port Moorowie, shielding and/or aero screen fittings shall be utilised as standard.

Layout for any new street lighting in Port Moorowie shall be prepared by a suitably qualified lighting engineer, ensuring that lighting is minimised while still maintaining standards under Australian Standards.

4.3 Private Development (non-residential)

Provisions of this policy will be drawn to the attention of any private development proponents (noting that development applications can only be assessed against the criteria of the State Planning Policies).

4.4 Existing Infrastructure

The Yorke Peninsula Council commits to ensuring dark sky appropriate lighting will be designed and located accordingly when renewing or upgrading Council owned lighting in Port Moorowie.

5. COMPLAINTS

Complaints relating to the Port Moorowie Dark Sky Policy can be made in writing to Council's Operations Manager. All complaints will be managed in accordance with Council's PO147 Complaints Policy.

6. REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every five (5) years and as deemed necessary in consideration of any changes to legislation, relevant standards, codes and guidelines, audit findings, any corrective actions/controls arising from risk assessment and/or hazard/incident reports, stakeholder feedback, or where Council need occurs.

7. TRAINING

Council is committed to supporting Employees in complying with this Policy/Procedure. Training will be developed by the Responsible Officer in consultation with the Training Advisor.

Training needs will be reviewed, as necessary, in consideration of any changes to legislation, relevant standards, codes and guidelines, audit findings or corrective actions/controls arising from risk assessments/ hazard or incident reports.

8. RECORDS

Records shall be maintained as required by Council's Records Management Policy (PO063) and relevant legislation.

9. RELATED COUNCIL POLICIES/PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTS

PO056 Council Infrastructure Policy

PO057 Community Engagement Policy

PO091 Enterprise Risk Management Policy

PO128 Asset Management Policy

10. REFERENCES AND LEGISLATION

State Planning Policies

Local Nuisance and Litter Control Act 2016

Planning and Design Code

11. COUNCIL DELEGATION

Any applicable delegations are available on Councils website via the Delegations register via <https://yorke.sa.gov.au/about-us/forms-plans-and-publications/registers/>

12. VERSION HISTORY

Version No	Issue Date	Description of Change
1	11/02/2026	New Policy

ATTACHMENT 1: DEFINITIONS

Term/Reference	Definition
Designated area of Port Moorowie township	The area which is designated by the Planning and Development Code Zones (Attachment 2: Map P&D Code Zones – Port Moorowie – Yorke Peninsula) as the Rural Settlement and Open Space zones.
Correlated Colour Temperature (CCT)	A specification of the colour appearance of the light emitted by the lamp, relating its colour to the colour of light from a reference source when heated to a particular temperature, measured in degrees Kelvin (K).
Fully shielded	An outdoor public light fixture designated so that the installed fixture emits no light above the horizontal plane of the lowest part of the fixture.
Light pollution	Any adverse effect of non-natural light sources on the night sky.
Light source	The part of a lighting fixture that produces light, eg the bulb.
Luminaire/ies	A complete electric light unit.