

Definition

Biological diversity or “biodiversity” is the variety of life forms, including plants, animals, micro- organisms and the ecosystems of which they are a part. Biodiversity encompasses all living things and, importantly, the functions and processes that link and sustain them. At a visual level, we see biodiversity in our local landscapes, natural systems, vegetation and wildlife.

Background

Biodiversity is part of all life on earth and is essential for life. It provides us with the foundation of our health and wellbeing as well as shaping our quality of life, providing recreation opportunity, economic sustainability, social values, visual aesthetics, amenity and by connecting us with our cultural history.

In addition to urban development, other pressures exist in both rural and urban environments which threaten local flora, fauna and ecosystems. These include impacts of land water and air pollutants, littering, inappropriate land management and climate change.

We believe that our role in biodiversity conservation is significant.

Biodiversity is critical both for today and for future generations.

Policy Statement

Given the array of social, economic and environmental factors that affect biodiversity, an integrated approach to biodiversity is critical.

Access Engineering Systems is committed to making a positive contribution to biodiversity. Wherever possible this will be undertaken in the local environment in collaboration with businesses, communities and government at all levels.

We will continue to assess the potential biodiversity impacts of all our operations and review our processes and procedures with the aim of overall net positive impact.

We will endeavor to protect and support biodiversity as most appropriate for each site we manage, taking account of local indigenous flora and fauna.

Biodiversity Policy

We will select and use materials in the operation development and maintenance of our sites taking account of their impacts on upstream and downstream ecosystems;

We will set objectives for performance improvement and assign responsibility to members of senior management team.

We will provide employees with awareness and training to help them make appropriate decisions.

We will track and report on appropriate measures associated with biodiversity; and establish relationships with local community partners to support them in their goals relating to protecting and enhancing local biodiversity.

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