

## COUNCIL POLICY ON SOILS AND THEIR CONSERVATION

### 5 BACKGROUND

The Resource Believing that the soil is Australia's No. 1 resource; and

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Australian Soil Recognising that soils in Australia, unlike  
Characteristics some other continents, are both shallow,  
deficient in certain nutrients and virtually  
incapable of being re-formed; and

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Extent of Soil Erosion in that approximately 90% of the  
New South Wales agricultural and pastoral lands of NSW need  
some soil conservation treatment; and

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Soil Loss Rejecting any concept of an "acceptable soil loss  
tolerance figure"; and

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Actions Causing Believing that no private individual, company  
Degradation or corporate body should be able to take repeated  
action which continually and  
predictably leads to further land degradation;  
and

Address Causes not that governments should address the

