

Re: Request to Reduce Light Pollution at [Location/Area]

Dear [Council Contact Name / To Whom It May Concern],

Artificial light at night is increasingly recognised as a form of environmental pollution, with well-documented impacts on human health, wildlife behaviour, energy consumption, and the visibility of the night sky. National and international frameworks—including AS/NZS 4282:2022 (Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting) and the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (2023)—outline best practices for minimising these impacts while maintaining public safety.

I am writing as a concerned resident of [your suburb/community] regarding lighting at or near [specific location – e.g. street, reserve, coastline, development site]. I believe that with some simple changes, this lighting could be made more appropriate, sustainable, and environmentally sensitive.

To assist Council in understanding the issue and the possible solutions, I've outlined my concerns and suggestions below.

Concerns (tick all that apply):

- ☐ Excessive brightness or glare from public lighting
- ☐ Light spilling into homes or private property
- ☐ Lighting impacting nearby bushland, wetlands or foreshore
- ☐ Disruption to nocturnal wildlife (e.g. frogs, bats, gliders, birds)
- ☐ Streetlights or facilities left on all night unnecessarily
- ☐ Inappropriate lighting near turtle nesting or seabird habitat
- ☐ Loss of star visibility / diminished night sky quality
- ☐ Impact on sleep or well-being due to light at night
- ☐ Visual intrusion or nuisance lighting from new development
- ☐ Other: _____

Actions I respectfully request Council to consider:

- ☐ Conduct a lighting audit at the identified location
- ☐ Retrofit or shield existing lights to reduce glare and spill
- ☐ Use warmer-colour LEDs (2700K or less) in sensitive areas
- ☐ Install motion sensors or timers to limit unnecessary illumination
- ☐ Introduce lighting curfews for parks or sporting facilities
- ☐ Require light impact assessments for new developments
- ☐ Formally adopt the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife
- ☐ Consult with the community on proposed lighting upgrades
- ☐ Deliver education campaigns around responsible outdoor lighting
- ☐ Develop a Light Management or Dark Sky policy for future planning

☐ Other: _____

Why this matters to me because

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I believe this is an opportunity for Council to demonstrate environmental leadership and deliver long-term benefits to local wildlife, residents, and the broader community. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with a relevant officer or team.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]