

# Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement



*This Policy Statement recognises that the region's Traditional Owners have been the custodians of the land and water for thousands of generations. Coliban Water acknowledges that Traditional Owners have unique knowledge and connection to this land and water. We actively seek strong partnerships with Traditional Owners so that our decisions are better informed to help deliver the goals and aspirations that they hold for their culture and country.*

In pursuit of Coliban Water's mission to deliver reliable and affordable water services to meet community needs, now and into the future, we will be committed to the philosophy and practices of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

The four strategic directions outlined in Strategy 2030 – Water Security and Zero Carbon; Healthy People and Environment; Prosperous Economies; Green and Active Communities – are aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, and we will actively contribute to their attainment.

**With the endorsement of our customers and key stakeholders, we will:**

- build readiness and capacity to mitigate and manage climate change;
- ensure the protection and improvement of waters, lands and biodiversity influenced by our operations;
- respect and protect Traditional Owner values and cultural heritage;
- comply with all environmental laws, regulations and licence conditions;
- meet Victoria's 'General Environmental Duty';
- seek the highest possible standards of environmental performance; and
- be transparent and proactive in sharing information about our environmental performance.

**We will meet these objectives by:**

- Understanding and learning from Traditional Owner knowledge and practices;
- Being a leader in our region for environmental stewardship and sustainability;
- Working collaboratively with regional organisations that share responsibility for environmental and climate sustainability;
- Adopting best-available science and technical innovation, and whole of catchment and whole of water-cycle approaches;
- Implementing long-term water resources planning, and climate change adaptation and mitigation actions;
- Implementing the best and most cost-effective infrastructure and operational solutions; and
- Continually improving our environmental management systems and practices.

Coliban Water's Environment Management System (EMS) will be the primary vehicle through which we will plan, monitor, report and review the delivery of the intent of this policy.

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