

Environmental policy

Policy



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In fulfilling our role of an effective environmental regulator and an influential authority on environmental impacts, EPA aspires to be a world leader in environmental performance when undertaking all of our activities.

We view this as an investment in both the future of our operations and our environment. We will strive to avoid environmental impacts resulting from our operations and to demonstrate environmental leadership to Victorian businesses.

Specifically, we will:

- continuously reduce our energy usage and maintain carbon neutrality
- continuously reduce our water usage
- continuously reduce our waste and strive towards sending zero waste to landfill.

We will set and communicate ambitious targets and achieve these through our Environmental Management System (EMS) and Green Stars program, as well as through life-cycle approaches and ecological footprint calculations.

In order that our EMS continues to meet international standards and demonstrates continuous improvement, we will:

- identify and monitor our significant environmental impacts
- establish and work towards objectives and targets to minimise these impacts
- exceed all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements
- undergo periodic independent EMS audits
- regularly review and report on our environmental management and performance, both internally and externally.

EPA will use sustainable purchasing principles when we purchase products and services and we will encourage our suppliers and contractors to meet high standards of environmental management and performance.

EPA will work with our staff to decrease their environmental impact. We will harness the skills and knowledge of our staff to maximise the success of our internal environmental management programs and embed leading environmental performance across our organisation.

Drawing on our experience we will strive to lead by example, promoting environmental leadership and driving sustainable outcomes in our operations, in our client organisations and in our community.

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