

Environmental Sustainability Policy

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Policy statement

The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) aims to be an industry leader and is committed to:

- managing our environmental interactions and incorporating sustainable and innovative solutions to minimise our environmental footprint as an integral part of our business activities
- continuous improvement in environmentally sustainable practices, and partnering with our stakeholders to ensure a resilient and adaptable transport system
- meeting the needs of the current generation while minimising environmental impacts on future generations
- contributing to the sustainability of the natural environment, while delivering a single integrated transport network accessible to everyone.

Objectives

The objectives of the policy are to:

- Engage with TMR staff and stakeholders on the potential environmental impacts, opportunities and management requirements of the department's plans and activities.
- Adopt a best practice, cost-effective approach of 'avoid, minimise, mitigate and offset' to manage environmental impacts associated with all aspects of TMR's activities to achieve the benefits of this policy and comply with legislative and policy requirements.
- Monitor, review and implement TMR's environmental management system to ensure alignment with AS/NZS ISO14001 and to improve environmental performance in all of the department's plans and activities.
- Protect the environment by moving beyond compliance in encouraging innovative solutions to minimise TMR's environmental footprint and embed environmentally sustainable practices in the ways we work by:
 - maximising energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to work towards net zero carbon emissions
 - promoting research and adoption of innovative practices and construction methodologies to facilitate reducing, reusing and recycling resources as part of the circular economy
 - reducing the impacts of our transport operations, both directly and indirectly, on the environment
 - identifying and developing opportunities for restoration and conservation of areas of significant environmental value within the transport network
- adopting and integrating climate change risk management and adaptation measures to ensure network resilience and sustainable business operations
- reducing pollution in our activities
- dealing with ship-sourced pollutant discharge in our coastal waters.
- Foster a culture of environmental sustainability and leadership within TMR by providing training and support to our people to take a whole of life, balanced and holistic perspective to drive the best money outcomes balanced with protecting the environment.
- Develop effective policy that incorporates environmentally sustainable practices.
- Collaborate with and lead our stakeholders and delivery partners, including local governments and transport operators, to:
 - improve the environmental sustainability of their organisations, products and services
 - improve the environmental sustainability of the transport network.



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