

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government works with portfolio agencies in contributing to the well-being of all Australians by:

- fostering an efficient, sustainable, competitive, safe and secure transport system, and
- assisting regions to manage their own features.

The Department provides these services primarily through its National Offices in Canberra, supported by regional offices located in a number of capital and regional locations. The following principles will be extended progressively to all Department premises and operations as the opportunity permits.

Environmental Management Commitment

We are committed to responsible environmental management when carrying out our functions and will achieve continual improvement in the environmental performance of our office-based activities by implementing and maintaining an Environmental Management System that meets the standard (AS/NZS ISO14001:2004).

This will be achieved by:

Maintaining energy efficient systems and reducing energy consumption.

- Decreasing water consumption.
- Implementing measures to prevent pollution.
- Reducing waste production.

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- Creating greater environmental awareness among our staff and encouraging use of environmentally friendly and fuel efficient vehicles to reduce total CO₂ emissions.
- Complying with all relevant Commonwealth environmental legislation, policies and initiatives.
- Establishing and implementing environmentally responsible purchasing guidelines and procedures.

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Michael Taylor Secretary 20 April 2006