

Statement of Intent

Hobart Water is committed to undertaking its business in an environmentally sound and socially responsible manner.

Relevant Legislation and Standards:

- Environmental Management and Pollution Control Act (1994)
- AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Management Systems
- Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality 2000 (ANZECC / ARMCANZ)

Scope

Hobart Water collects and treats water from three drinking water catchments in southern Tasmania and is the principal supplier of bulk quality drinking water to eight southern regional councils. Hobart Water also provides water and waste water management services to other parties.

This policy applies to all employees and contractors. Consultants and visitors to the workplace are also required to abide by the duties and responsibilities outlined below.

Duties and Responsibilities

Hobart Water is committed to:

- comply with relevant statutory and agreed environmental requirements,
- operate in a manner that minimises pollution and environmental impacts of our operations and activities,
- continually improve environmental management through the operation of an Environmental Management System, and
- involve customers, suppliers, contractors, stakeholders and the community in planning projects and activities that may have environmental impact or risk.

To achieve this Hobart Water will:

- communicate its environmental policy to staff, customers, contractors, visitors, stakeholders and the community,
- integrate environmental management with corporate planning, project development and management, economic evaluation and operations and maintenance procedures,

- develop environmental objectives, targets & programs, implement plans to achieve these, report on performance and maintain an Environmental Management System compliant with ISO 14001,
- develop and implement quantitative measures of environmental performance and report on performance against these measures,
- monitor and participate in the development of legislation and state policies and discussion papers which may affect environmental standards,
- promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues to employees and advise their responsibility in improving the environmental performance of the organisation, and
- ensure employees, contractors and their staff have the skills and commitment required to exercise due diligence in the management of environmental risks.

Approved by the Board of Management of the Hobart Water on 16 August 2005.

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