

ENVIRONMENT POLICY STATEMENT



At Southern Waste Solutions (SWS), we put the environment, along with safety, first which is one of our fundamental values when undertaking all business activities.

In delivering its services, SWS will focus strongly on compliance and act in an environmentally responsible and sustainable way, to prevent pollution and to minimise the environmental impact associated with its operations. This policy statement is about protecting the environment and conserving energy and resources within SWS' control and influence.

To meet this policy commitment SWS will:

- implement, maintain, review and continually improve its environmental management systems to ensure that it complies with, and meets the requirements of environmental and other relevant legislation, codes of practice, guidelines, frameworks and certifications;
- proactively identify, eliminate where possible, control and reduce, the risk of adverse impact(s) on, and harm to, the environment, people and communities;
- set objectives and targets to evaluate and continuously improve its environmental performance;
- promote an environmentally aware workplace culture, incorporating pride in environmental care, performance, responsibility and sustainability, through effective communication, training and supervision;
- implement ongoing monitoring and inspection programs for early detection of any environmental impacts;
- embrace innovation to deliver best practice waste management solutions, using environmentally sensitive products, practices and technologies where possible;
- minimise its environmental footprint by reducing the consumption of resources (energy, water and natural resources) through its activities and operations, and offset any gains in its footprint through innovation and increased investment in best practice;
- consider sustainability issues in the planning of capital works and major projects, with the intent to design sustainability and environmental protection into new projects/facilities from the outset;
- promptly address stakeholder expectations and community concerns by engaging with, and listening to, the community, customers, neighbours, industry groups and regulatory authorities; and
- ensure adequate resources are in place to implement this policy.

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