

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. PURPOSE

1.1 Tamworth Regional Council is committed to pursuing best practice in environmental performance and acknowledges that its employees and the community at large expect responsible environmental practice.

2. COMMENCEMENT OF POLICY

2.1 This Policy commenced in 2012 and is revised annually.

3. APPLICATION OF THE POLICY

3.1 This Policy applies to all employees and contractors of Tamworth Regional Council.

4. COMMITMENT

Tamworth Regional Council is committed to:

- Planning and conducting our operations to minimise environmental impact and risk and wherever practicable, eliminate adverse environmental impacts;
- Continual improvement of our environmental performance including setting, monitoring and regularly reviewing environmental objectives and targets – particularly with regards to:
 - Ensuring that environmental considerations are taken into account early in the design process;
 - Efficient use of resources e.g. water, fuel and electricity;
 - Ensure best practice in waste sustainability and the way waste is minimised, reused and recycled; and
 - Prevention of pollution.
- Open and constructive engagement with our community and regulators;
 - Reducing the greenhouse gas emissions from our processes, operations and facilities;
- Complying with environmental legislation, regulations, standards and codes of practice;
- Promoting environmental best practice within our community; and
- Conducting business with suppliers and contractors who have a commitment to the values and objectives contained in this Environmental Policy.

Tamworth Regional Council's Sustainability Strategy 2017 – 2021 has established environmental key performance indicators relevant to Council's operations. Action plans have been developed from the goals identified in the Sustainability Strategy to support the achievement of the targets identified. The Sustainability Unit works collaboratively with, and supports, relevant areas of Council to achieve these targets.

Through communication and training, our employees and internal contractors will be encouraged and assisted to enhance Tamworth Regional Council's environmental awareness and performance.

POLICY VERSION AND REVISION INFORMATION

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