

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Effective date: 13 December 2016

Responsible officer(s): General Manager Infrastructure Planning and Operations

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Purpose

To ensure best practice environmental management across Central Highlands Water.

Policy statement

This Policy relates to all of Central Highlands Water's interests as they relate to environmental management.

Central Highlands Water is committed to best practice environmental management and to the principles of environmental sustainability. In accordance with this Policy, Central Highlands Water is committed to:

- responding to the challenge of climate change,
- maintaining and restoring our natural assets,
- using our water, waste, energy and other resources more efficiently, and
- reducing our everyday environmental impact.

In order to achieve its policy objectives, Central Highlands Water will develop, implement and maintain an Environmental Management System that is consistent with ISO 14001:2015. The Environmental Management System will:

- ensure that all of Central Highlands Water's management and staff support the achievement of Central Highlands Water's environmental management policy objectives
- ensure that Central Highlands Water's contractors, consultants and suppliers adopt similar best practice environmental management, and
- require Central Highlands Water and its contractors, consultants and suppliers to comply with and, where possible, exceed legislative and regulative environmental requirements.

Responsible for implementation

Central Highlands Water's Executive Management Team and Environment Committee will provide the oversight and leadership necessary to enable the successful implementation of this Policy.

Related policies

- Governance Policy
- Drinking Water Quality Policy
- Water Catchment Protection Policy

- Trade Waste Acceptance Policy
- Procurement Policy
- Risk Management Policy

Related and referenced documents

International Standard. *ISO 14001 Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*, Third edition, 2015-09-15.

Water Act 1989. *Sustainable Management Principles for Water Corporations*, Authorised Version No. 113, Part 6, Section 93 p.341.

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