

Environmental Policy

Policy statement

In providing its services to the community, Gippsland Water will utilise best practice to ensure that the significant environmental aspects of its operations are understood and managed responsibly by its people.

Gippsland Water embraces the following guiding principles for planning and implementing activities, to protect the environment and achieve the sustainable management of natural resources.

Gippsland Water's commitments

Continually improve our environmental performance by:

- meeting all of our legislated environmental management requirements and other commitments and moving our practices beyond compliance with relevant legislation, where sustainable opportunities are identified;
- managing the significant environmental aspects of our activities by training our people, incorporating environmental objectives and targets into our business planning activities, and implementing appropriate sustainable solutions to prevent pollution to meet or exceed licence requirements, and to protect the environment and minimise the environmental impacts of our business operations;
- working with our customers, suppliers and contractors to jointly understand and be more effective in the management of environmental aspects of the products and services supplied to, and by, Gippsland Water; and
- undertaking water recycling and conservation as part of an integrated approach to the sustainable management of our water resources and waste treatment activities.

Communicating with our community by:

- openly sharing and publishing information on our environmental activities and performance;
- engaging with Gippsland Water staff and management on activities undertaken to achieve the objectives of this policy;
- utilising our advisory committees and other consultative mechanisms, to seek community views and involvement in policy development and planning processes;
- contributing to initiatives and activities that will educate and enhance community awareness of water resources and waste management issues; and
- cooperating with stakeholders within the community to identify, influence and participate in sustainable solutions to regional environmental problems.



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