

ENVIRONMENT POLICY

1. Purpose

To provide strategic direction for an effective environmental program at South East Water that strives for continual improvement by setting high environmental standards.

2. Scope of Policy

This policy applies to South East Water and its subsidiary, Iota Services Pty Ltd, and must be observed by all directors, employees, agents, contractors and other workers. References in this policy to South East Water are taken to include Iota Services Pty Ltd, unless the context otherwise requires.

3. Policy Statement

South East Water is committed to protecting the environment and continually seeking to implement innovative measures to improve environmental outcomes for the community.

South East Water is committed to:

- Creating a culture of valuing, protecting, enhancing biodiversity and indigenous knowledge;
- Maximising resource efficiency and minimising the creation of waste, pollution and energy;
- Adapting to climate change and implementing actions that mitigate the impacts of climate change from our assets and operational activities;
- Preventing, whilst also investigating opportunities to reduce environmental impacts on air, water, land, flora and fauna as a result of our activities;
- Complying with all regulatory obligations and contribute to the development of public policy and regulation, while driving innovation to provide improved customer and community outcomes; and
- Being accountable environmental custodians through measuring and monitoring performance and sharing our sustainable initiatives with key stakeholders and the wider community.

4. Related Policies

- Asset Management Policy
- Finance Policy
- Quality Policy

5. Enacting Legislation and Related Documents

- Water Act 1989 (Vic)
- Amalgamated Licence 74189

6. Accountability

The Managing Director is accountable to the Board of Directors for ensuring this policy is implemented.

7. Approval

Approved by: South East Water Board of Directors
Approved on: 22 May 2017
Sponsor: General Manager, Infrastructure
Implementer: Environmental Manager
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