

Purpose

This policy gives our people clear boundaries and guiding principles on how we provide environmental outcomes that our customers value to achieve our vision of *delivering trusted water services for a sustainable and healthy South Australia*.

Principles

- We are an advocate for source water protection through the implementation of effective land management practices and we work with stakeholders to assess the risk of land use planning and management.
- We seek opportunities for traditional land management practices involving aboriginal communities.
- We recognise water is a limited resource and we work collaboratively to manage water resources to conserve water, maintain and, where appropriate, restore the functionality of ecosystems.
- We use limited natural resources efficiently, including energy and raw materials, across the lifecycle of our activities.
- We maximise the value of our resources and will be guided by circular economy principles including designing out waste and pollution, keeping products and materials in use and regenerating natural systems. We actively reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and ensure we adapt and are resilient to climate change.
- We utilise triple bottom line decision making to contribute to broader environmental, social and financial benefits while improving our operations.
- We recognise our large presence in community landscapes and we work to improve the amenity and land management of our sites and infrastructure.
- We recognise the intrinsic ecological interactions in the environment and work to prevent pollution of, and minimise adverse impacts on, land, biodiversity, water and air, to sustain and revitalise ecosystems.
- We work with our customers and community to improve their understanding of the fundamental role we play in protecting and improving the environment.
- We strive for ongoing improvement of the environmental management system, ensure corporate risks and opportunities are captured and managed to enhance our environmental performance and minimise risk.
- We are committed to compliance with all environmental legal requirements and environmental agreements developed in our partnerships and we seek to implement best practice solutions.

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Responsibilities

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