Environment Policy



Policy Statement

TasWater understands that a healthy environment is essential to supporting thriving communities. That's why we are committed to protecting and regenerating our natural environment and embedding sustainable practices across all our activities. TasWater has a unique and intimate relationship with the environment, that involves taking water from rivers, lakes and aquifers and later discharging by-products from our sewage treatment plants back to the environment. Our activities consume large amounts of energy. Consequently, our four major long term environmental objectives are to:

- reduce the amount of water we extract from the natural environment
- eliminate nutrients discharged into waterways and oceans
- achieve net zero Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions, and
- Eliminate waste by transitioning our operations to a circular economy.

As part of our environmental commitment, we will:

- comply with all environmental laws and regulations to prevent pollution, but see this as a starting point on a journey towards re-generation
- provide leadership through innovation and inspire our stakeholders to join us on our journey and involve them in setting our targets
- annually review our objectives and targets to incorporate the best available information
- annually publish our policy, objectives, and progress towards attainment of our objectives
- reduce our water leakage and help our customers to reduce their water consumption
- adopt circular economy principles to reduce waste
- increase renewable energy production
- reduce carbon emission generation from our operations
- educate and encourage our staff to adopt sustainable practices, and
- encourage our contractors, consultants, and suppliers to achieve excellence in environmental management.

Roles and Responsibilities

All TasWater employees, contractors, and stakeholders have a responsibility to implement this environmental policy and contribute to the achievement of our environmental objectives. TasWater's Board of Directors and senior management team have ultimate responsibility for ensuring that this policy is implemented effectively.

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