



Australian Government

Department of the Environment and Energy

Australian Antarctic Division



**AUSTRALIAN
ANTARCTIC
PROGRAM**

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Australian Antarctic Division will demonstrate leadership in environmental protection across all its activities in Australia and Antarctica.

To improve our environmental performance we will:

- comply with applicable environmental laws and agreements and ensure that all who visit us, or work for, or on behalf of us, also comply
- provide environmental education and training for participants in the Australian Antarctic Program
- commit to undertake all reasonable measures to reduce pollution, waste and other human impacts, where practicable, in all our areas of operation
- where practicable, address the environmental impacts of our past activities and minimise further impacts
- use energy and resources efficiently and seek opportunities to improve environmental outcomes when planning the renewal of infrastructure capabilities and the conduct of operations
- conserve, where practicable, our significant Antarctic heritage items, places and values
- conduct and support research that contributes to the protection of the Antarctic environment
- ensure our environmental decision-making is transparent and responsive to emerging issues and challenges
- monitor and report our environmental performance against objectives and targets
- work with other national operators, organisations and individuals to understand and comply with our shared environmental obligations

Everyone working with or on behalf of the AAD has a responsibility for protecting the environment. All managers are responsible for implementing the AAD environmental policy and are accountable for environmental performance in their areas of responsibility.

We will review this policy every four years and communicate it to AAD staff and the public.

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