

Environmental Policy

The Australian Antarctic Division is committed to leading best practice environmental stewardship across all its activities and operations and advancing Australia's contribution to international efforts to protect the Antarctic, sub-Antarctic and Southern Ocean environments in a manner consistent with the Antarctic Treaty System. To achieve this we:

Minimise the impacts of our activities through

- administering and complying with applicable environmental laws and obligations
- environmental training and awareness for all participants in the Australian Antarctic Program (AAP)
- effective assessment of environmental risk and impact from activities within the AAP
- preventing pollution, reducing waste and other human impacts in all our areas of operation
- environmental impact assessments of our past activities and minimising, monitoring and appropriately responding to future impacts
- planning for the full life cycle of activities including remediation and removal of waste
- maintaining and conserving our significant heritage items, places and values

Focus on continuous improvement through

- environmental performance targets, and monitoring and reporting for continual improvement within our resources and capacity
- understanding and improving environmental outcomes when planning new activities
- research that contributes to the protection of the Antarctic environment, and demonstrates leadership in environmental protection efforts

Prepare for the future through

- transparent environmental decision-making that is responsive to emerging issues and challenges
- environmental commitments that align with the Australian Government's national environmental policy objectives, including towards the Australian Government's emission reduction and Net Zero targets, energy efficiency measures, and adoption of reliable renewable energy technologies where feasible
- understanding, mitigating, preparing for and building resilience to the impacts of climate change across all our areas of operation

Your obligations

- Everyone working with the Australian Antarctic Program has a responsibility to protect the environment and for implementing this policy.

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