

Essendon Fields Airport Environmental Policy

This policy forms the basis for environmental management and performance of Essendon Fields Airport. This responsibility extends to all our staff, airport tenants, airlines, and other stakeholders.

Our Commitment

Our Environment Policy reinforces our commitment to the environmentally sustainable operation of the airport, from which objectives, key performance indicators, actions plans and programs are developed. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and continuing to operate sustainably.

We acknowledge the need to balance the positive contribution of aviation to our communities and our region, with the imperative to reduce global carbon emissions in order to limit global warming to around 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels in line with the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) recommendations and to support the Paris Agreement.

Our vision is to be recognised as the economic engine room of Melbourne's Northwest through the sustainable development and safe operation of commercial property and aviation facilities, creating employment opportunities for 20,000 Victorians over the next 20 years.

In doing so, we are committed to the following environmental principles:

- Protecting the environment: by implementing proactive and effective measures to prevent pollution where possible, always considering the ecological impacts of our actions.
- Resource management: by adopting measures to use resources sustainably, including minimising our energy and water use and the generation of waste, managing waste responsibly and doing our part to ensure the enduring wellbeing of the environment
- Responding to anthropogenic climate change: by quantifying, managing, and reducing our emissions, together with planning to adapt to the effects of climate change
- Systematic management: through the development and implementation of our comprehensive environmental strategies and systems, as well as the application of a risk based approach to reduce and manage environmental impacts resulting from our operations
- Integration: by incorporating environmental considerations into our planning, procurement, and decision-making processes.
- Continual improvement: by striving to constantly enhance our environmental performance through establishing, reviewing, and reporting our progress against objectives aligned with our environmental strategy

- Fostering knowledge and awareness: by developing and maintaining a broad-based understanding of the sources of environmental impact of our operations, both on and off the airport, using research, education, and training
- Compliance: by monitoring and complying with all relevant heritage, environmental and energy laws, policies, procedures and other compliance obligations and where appropriate, exceed these requirements.
- Community: working with our communities to protect the environment and create shared value

Accountabilities and responsibilities

This policy applies to all activities related to the management and operation of Essendon Fields Airport. All employee and stakeholders are encouraged to become actively involved in the environmental management of Essendon Fields Airport.

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Chief Executive Officer
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