

ENVIRONMENTAL

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy Statement

Our organisation is committed to maintaining and improving its environmental performance. Our aims are to minimise any effect that our activities may have on the environment.

Principles

Mypower Foundations considers the protection of native flora and fauna as a high priority, staff and visitors are expected to respect and avoid disturbing any environment which may cause harm or have a negative environmental impact.

Definitions

Environment - the surroundings or conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives or operates or the natural world, as a whole or in a particular geographical area, especially as affected by human activity.

Procedure

- To achieve these aims Mypower Foundations will:
- Ensure that all environmental laws, regulations, standards and codes are adhered to as a minimum standard of compliance.
- Take all reasonable steps to prevent pollution and protect the environment.
- Ensure that all reasonable steps to are taken to prevent an incident from occurring.
- Encourage and foster an environmentally aware culture amongst all staff, contractors, clients and families.
- Encourage environmentally sound practices by suppliers of raw material and customers of our services.
- Ensure that all necessary pollution control measures are in place and are regularly checked and maintained to minimise the risk of an environmental incident.
- Ensure that prior to the completion of a contract all contract waste has been removed.

- Foster openness in our response to community concerns and queries about the potential environmental impact of our operational procedures.
- Environmental incidents or concerns are to be reported within 24hrs via an incident report form.
- Mypower Foundations is committed to continual improvement in environmentally sound practices.

Relevant Legislation and Policies

- Work Health and Safety Act 2011
- National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)
- Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW)
- Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997 (NSW):
- Water Management Act 2000 (NSW)
- Environmentally Hazardous Chemicals Act 1985 (NSW)
- Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001 (NSW)
- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (NSW)
- NSW Disability Services Standards
- National Standards for Disability Services
- Disability Discrimination Act 1992
- National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
- Disability Inclusion Act 2014 (NSW)
- NDIS Code of Conduct
- NDIS Quality and Safeguarding Framework
- NDIS Environmental Sustainability Strategy
- United Nations Convention on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities