

# ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

## A SUSTAINABLE BENNELONG POINT

In giving the world one of the 20th Century's greatest buildings, Jørn Utzon changed the creative and cultural landscape of Australia forever. Sydney Opera House continues the legacy of Utzon's creative genius by creating, producing and presenting the most acclaimed, imaginative and engaging performing arts experiences from Australia and around the world; onsite, offsite and online.

One of our long-term strategic goals is to provide a contemporary and sustainable Bennelong Point. We believe that to achieve an enduring contribution to our culture and society and to maintain economic viability, we must live responsibly within our environment, considering both current and future generations. We are committed to:

- Conserving natural resources;
- Minimising waste and pollution;
- Reducing our greenhouse gas emissions; and
- Enhancing the natural environment.

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## OUR APPROACH

We aim to embed environmental sustainability in everything we do while providing a premier, vibrant and compelling precinct; exceeding visitor's expectations; ensuring our long term funding stream; and conserving and enhancing our World Heritage Values.

As a masterpiece of human creative genius, the Sydney Opera House was designed with leading technologies, to be sustainable for future generations, with a design life of 250 years. However, with rapid advances in building standards and technology, we will continue to evolve to improve environmental performance while maintaining our World Heritage values.

We will actively work to improve the environmental performance of the Sydney Opera House precinct through engaging and collaborating with our staff, contractors, suppliers, commercial partners and performing partners.

As a global icon, the most internationally recognised symbol of Australia and core part of the national culture and imagination, we believe it is our responsibility to demonstrate the ability of our unique building and business to act in environmental sustainable way.

By demonstrating and communicating our environmentally sustainable practices transparently, we aim to act as a catalyst to raise environmental awareness and to engage and empower others. We believe that for our staff, partners and visitors and audiences, this will enhance the experience that is Sydney Opera House.

## OUR COMMITMENT

This Policy provides a framework to implement and achieve environmental sustainability. We will:

- aim to embed environmental sustainability into everything we do;
- set, communicate and achieve environmental sustainability objectives, targets and a plan every three years;
- continually monitor and review performance;
- report publicly every year on our performance;
- review our policy and environmental performance at the Executive level annually;
- establish clear accountabilities;
- enhance and expand our staff awareness program; and
- establish practices to meet or exceed environmental legislation, policies and standards.

We acknowledge that we are at the start of journey. We commit to implementing the many changes necessary to achieve these goals.



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