

ENV.005 Sustainability Policy

Policy	<p>At BCEC our commitment to sustainability encompasses our environmental, social and economic impacts. BCEC is committed to work practices which engender sustainable values and environmental and community focussed outcomes meeting the Purpose of Sustainability Planning Act 2009.</p>
Rationale	<p>Profile BCEC is a leading provider of convention and exhibition services. BCEC is a purpose built convention, exhibition and special events facility with a fully integrated range of in-house services hosting an average of 1300 events each year. The Centre houses 44 meeting and event spaces, four exhibition halls, restaurant facilities and a number of food and beverage outlets.</p> <p>Risk Impacts With 1300 events and an average of 800,000 people passing through the Centre on an annual basis, BCEC is a major enterprise and its operation results in the consumption of significant quantities of energy and resources. BCEC develops and promotes policies to ensure the Centre's business and community values encompassing economic, environmental and social responsibility and is committed to continually improving its performance and annual benchmarking - a core business principle.</p>
Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre has implemented environmental management systems and organisational structures to meet the requirements of the EarthCheck Company Standard. • Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre will comply with all relevant legislation and regulations and strives to achieve international best practice. • The Centre has appointed its Facilities Manager as the EarthCheck Coordinator, who in collaboration with the Centre's Ecowatch and Community watch teams, has the responsibility, skills and resources for ensuring ongoing environmental performance, identification of environmental risks, recording and monitoring of impacts and implementing environmental and social sustainability measures. • Special consideration will be given to employing and empowering local employees. Wherever possible, environmentally sustainable products and services are sourced locally. • We encourage staff to present our commitment to environmental and social sustainability and our Benchmarked/Certified status under the EarthCheck program to our clients, guests, suppliers and other stakeholders. • Sustainability activities are in-line with our QA Policies ENV.001 Chlorofluorocarbons, ENV.002 Environmental Protection & Waste Management, ENV.003 Recycling and ENV.004 Refrigerants. <p>This policy has been developed to provide a clear statement of BCEC's commitment to managing both its environmental and social impacts. BCEC will set appropriate objectives to support the Sustainability Policy. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commitment to reduce /minimise energy, waste and water consumption. • Promotion of recycling activities. • Promotion of use of renewable energy. • Commitment to achieve a positive social impact on the local and wider communities. • Promotion of sustainability practices to BCEC clients/suppliers. • Certification to ISO 22000 and EarthCheck standards. • Commitment to comply with legal and other requirements. • Commitment to continually improve its Sustainability Management Systems. <p>NOTE: This policy is a public document to be on display, a copy may be given to anyone. The Organisation invites staff, guests and the community to suggest ways to further achieve best practice environmental and social sustainability. This policy will be reviewed by the end of 2012 and subsequently each year.</p>
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