



Environmental Management Policy

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Our vision is Antarctica New Zealand is regarded as a global leader and trusted partner, striving to value, protect and understand Antarctica and the Southern Ocean. That means we aspire to the highest standards for environmental protection, management of our organisation's activities and mitigation of their impacts. The scope of this policy applies to all locations we operate in and where Antarctica New Zealand staff, visitors and contractors are conducting activities.

Antarctica New Zealand will demonstrate leadership in environmental management across all our activities, including the Scott Base Redevelopment project, in Antarctica and New Zealand. We are committed to protecting our environment and undertaking all of our activities in a sustainable manner (balancing the need for human activities in Antarctica with our ability to reduce environmental impacts). Everyone working with Antarctica New Zealand has a responsibility to protect the environment.

To achieve this, we will:

- Comply with, and where possible exceed, all relevant national and international environmental and energy legislation, and the requirements of the instruments of the Antarctic Treaty System.
- Maintain a certified Environmental Management System which sets out our environmental objectives and targets.
- Use the best available scientific evidence to inform our environmental management practices.
- Provide education and training for all staff and visitors to ensure environmental and energy requirements are understood and implemented.
- Prevent environmental pollution and clean up the legacy of our past activities.
- Minimise our energy demands through management and awareness of high energy activities, support the purchase of energy-efficient products and services, and plan for energy performance improvements.
- Undertake environmental monitoring to measure and mitigate the impacts of our activities on the environment.
- Monitor, audit and report on our activities for compliance.
- Continually strive to improve our environmental and energy performance in order to reduce the impact of our activities on the environment.
- Continually improve our supply chain and procurement strategies to reflect our commitment to environmental protection and sustainable activities.

We will review this policy biennially and communicate it to all programme participants and the public.



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