

Enviro Liquid Waste Service

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ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Intent & General environmental duty (GED)

This Environmental Sustainability Policy formalises our commitment to supporting the principles of environmental sustainability and recognises that a sustainable environment is central to our lives and our work. The general environmental duty (GED) is at the centre of the [Environment Protection Act 2017](#) and it applies to all Victorians. We must reduce the risk of harm from our activities:

- to human health and the environment
- from pollution or waste.

The aim of our Environmental Sustainability Policy is to:

- implement environmental actions within the company
- monitor the environmental actions and improvements internally
- communicate environmental initiatives internally and externally.

We must manage our risks under the general environmental duty (GED)

As our company is already managing our environmental risks, the GED generally means little to no change to how we operate. ELWS already follows good management practices and making our compliance with the GED easier.

Some common risks we manage are listed but not limited to those below:

- business activities that produce noise, odour or runoff to stormwater
- the storage, use and disposal of liquids and chemicals
- management of wastes and the choice of transporter or receiver of wastes.

What EPA expects from our company:

- assess risks of harm to human health and the environment
- put processes in place to minimise risks
- respond quickly & seriously to EPA's advice and suggestions, making changes when required
- work to minimise environmental impact and repair damage
- answer questions and provide information.
- Report pollution incidents & respond when the EPA raises issues. [report pollution incidents](#)
- Report any [breach of your EPA licence](#).

- Be open and honest when we deal with the EPA. Note that EPA takes an [escalating approach](#) to enforcement.

Scope

This policy and associated procedures apply to all directors, staff and contractors working for the company.

Policy

Enviro Liquid Waste Service respects our relationship with the natural environment and its ecosystems. We acknowledge the adverse impacts that human activity can impose and take actions to prevent degradation of those natural systems.

Enviro Liquid Waste Service commits to the following principles and practices:

- Monitoring and managing our environmental performance and working towards targets set to reduce adverse impacts.
- Complying with relevant Australian Commonwealth, State and Local environmental policy, practices, regulations and legislation, and industry-specific legislation.
- Reducing the consumption of natural resources in daily operations, including water, paper and energy.
- Maximising the recycling of resources.
- Disposing and transportation of liquid waste appropriately, including e-waste at designated e-waste centres. The classification of waste is not limited to the two classes identified above.
- Committing to the principles of preventing pollution to the environment and continual improvement.
- Minimising pollution by taking steps to limit carbon emissions resulting from vehicle and air travel. Ensuring that all the company vehicles are maintained and serviced regularly to meet compliance standards.
- Where possible, encouraging suppliers to meet high standards of environmental performance.
- Communicating this policy to all employees, contractors and other stakeholders, as well as making this policy available to the general public.

- Reporting on the company's environmental performance in both internal and external communications, where relevant.
- Reviewing this policy annually and measuring targets and performance as part of that review.

Responsibility and Review

This Environmental Sustainability Policy is the responsibility of the Management of Enviro Liquid Waste Service. This policy was last updated 2nd October 2021 and will be reviewed October 2022.

Review

Enviro Liquid Waste Service is committed to continual improvement of its Environmental Sustainability Policy.

Authorised by: Wallace Lovett

Signature:

Date: 1st October 2021

Policy ratified by Senior Staff Member: Bernard Morin

Next review date: October 2022