



# CORPORATE POLICY NO 5.1 ENVIRONMENTAL

## 1.0 STATEMENT

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council’s vision is to lead the community in sustainable waste management through the provision of progressive solutions to resource recovery and greenhouse gas abatement.

The environmental policy provides the framework for setting and reviewing these environmental objectives and targets.

The policy is communicated to all employees through new employee inductions and prominent public display in work areas. All staff members will therefore be responsible for implementing the policy within all aspects of their work.

## 2.0 OBJECTIVE

The Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) is committed to providing services for its community which:

- Discourage the production of waste;
- Maximise opportunities for recycling and treatment of wastes;
- Minimise the quantity of waste for landfill;
- Reduce the amount of Greenhouse Gases emitted to the atmosphere
- Minimise use of resources such as fossil fuels and water

## 3.0 CONTENT

### MANAGEMENT

SMRC is committed to:

- Complying with all environmental legislation, regulations and codes of practice relevant to the waste management industry
- Contributing to the development of policies, legislation and regulations that affect the waste industry
- Avoiding the pollution of land, air and waterways by strict compliance with government regulations.
- Continual improvement in environmental performance

SMRC will meet these commitments by maintaining an environmental management system that meets with ISO 14001:2015 standard requirements which will (among other things):

- Develop and maintain environmental management programs
- Communicate openly with the community and government on environmental issues
- Monitor operations to confirm compliance and provide the benchmark for setting environmental objectives and measurable targets
- Carry out regular environmental audits undertaken by independent internal and external auditors
- Educating all employees and contractors of their environmental obligations through induction and training programs

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## 4.0 REFERENCES & REVIEW

<b>Statutory Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ministerial Statement #517</li> <li>▪ DWER Waste Composting Facility (WCF) Licence L7799/2001</li> </ul>	
<b>Organisational Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Environmental Management System (EMS)</li> </ul>	
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<b>Related Documents</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ISO 14001:2015</li> <li>▪ Environmental System Procedures</li> <li>▪ Environmental Operating Procedures</li> <li>▪ All RRRC Operating Procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>Policy Administration</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Review Cycle</b>
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2016	Review	7	EMCS	EMCS	25/02/2016
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