Healesville Community Renewable Energy Inc
Value03 - Environmental Policy

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1 Introduction

Environmental awareness is to understand the fragility of our environment and the importance of its protection. Promoting environmental awareness is an easy way to become an environmental steward and participate in creating a brighter future for our children.

Healesville CoRE's Environmental Policy reinforces its commitment and precautionary approach to environmental sustainability. It also demonstrates understanding that actions are important to customers and people, as well as to business outcomes

2 Purpose

Healesville CoRE's Vision is that Healesville and its surrounding geographic areas provide all of its energy resources/needs from affordable renewable sources. The renewable ideology includes all areas of environmental preservation that we are capable of assisting.

The purpose of this policy is to address the organisation's expectations for activities, products and services that interact with the environment, and tasks that relate to environmental protection.

Stewardship of this Environmental Policy will provide an opportunity for Healesville CoRE to apply for the *AS/NZS ISO 14001:2016 Environmental Management Systems* standard.

3 Policy

This policy applies to all people working for and on behalf of Healesville CoRE across all venues and sites where it operates.

Healesville CoRE will communicate this policy to all active volunteers, contractors and other stakeholders as well as making it available to the general public.

Healesville CoRE has environmental protection expectations that it would like its volunteers, customers, suppliers, contractors and the community to follow, including:

1. Adhering to Healesville CoRE environmental policy;
2. Reducing waste through innovative work practices and recycling practices;
3. Reducing the consumption of resources associated with operations (e.g. energy, water, paper, plastic);
4. Minimising environmental impacts by reduction of polluting substances produced;
5. Increasing the use of environmentally acceptable materials, equipment and technology in place of those which are considered harmful;
6. Acting in a socially responsible manner at all times encouraging and fulfilling an environmentally friendly workplace;
7. Considering environmental aspects in the procurement of products and services, and endeavour to ensure suppliers meet high standards of environmental performance;
8. Minimising negative environmental impacts of our operations on the neighbouring community;
9. Fostering the sustainable use of the Earth's resources by "treading lightly", recognising the approach of Australia's Indigenous people in minimising our impact on the land;
10. Protecting natural resources, wildlife and endangered species, and the management of these natural resources for future generations;
11. Actively promoting environmental awareness to the community;

12. Ensuring all Healesville CoRE projects incorporate comprehensive environmental sustainability principles;
13. Ensuring the environment is considered in our investment and corporate strategies, procurement and the products and services we offer.

4   References

AS/NZS ISO 14001:2016 Environmental Management Systems:
https://www.standards.org.au/standards-catalogue/sa-snz/publicsafety/ev-021/as-slash-nzs--iso--14001-colon-2016

5   Related Documents

Communications05 - Media Relations Policy

Event01 - Event Design and Implementation

Governance02 - Strategic Plan

Value01 - Vision & Mission Statement