

Environmental Policy

Purpose

SA Power Networks is committed to conducting its electricity distribution operations and business activities in a manner that prevents or minimises pollution and other adverse impacts on the environment.

Principles

To fulfil this commitment, SA Power Networks will:

- comply with all environmental legislation, formal agreements, and relevant industry standards;
- measure and continually improve our environmental performance and environmental management system;
- ensure environmental impacts are considered in the planning, design, construction, decommissioning and operation of our work;
- recognise the biodiversity of areas under its operational control, and avoid unnecessary disturbance to cultural and natural sites of significance;
- respond openly and constructively to the reasonable expectations of the community on environmental matters;
- promote an attitude of care and responsibility and a sense of stewardship for the environment by employees through environmental education and training;
- use resources efficiently, minimise waste and where practicable reuse or recycle materials generated by our operations; and
- inform agents, advisers, contractors and consultants of the Environmental Policy.

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Definitions

In this policy statement:

- environment means the surroundings in which an organisation operates, including air, water, land, natural resources, flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation;
- Environmental Management System means an organisation's structure of responsibilities, policies, practices, procedures, processes and resources for protecting the environment and managing environmental issues; and
- biodiversity means the variety of ecosystems and plant and animal life that can be found in the environment.

Explanations

Responsible management of our resources and our environment will contribute to the well being of the SA community.

Ensuring that environmental considerations are incorporated into all SA Power Networks' business activities as a fundamental part of sound management practice.

The identification of environmental risk and implementation of environmental improvement plans to address the risk will ensure continual improvement in our environmental management.

Robust environmental incident response procedures will reduce pollution and environmental impacts, regulatory risk and business costs.

The integration of the Environmental Management System, based on sustainable development principles, into the existing business system will ensure that SA Power Networks is acting in a diligent manner.

This will:

- protect the environment;
- enhance relationships with shareholders and the community; and
- reduce the risk of litigation, related to environmental incidents, for SA Power Networks Board and personnel.

Responsibilities

The SA Power Networks Board is responsible for this Policy and monitoring compliance with the Policy.

The Chief Executive Officer is responsible for ensuring that all reasonable and practical steps are taken to:

- monitor the effectiveness of the environmental performance of SA Power Networks; and
- hold management responsible for the effective implementation of, and compliance with, the Environmental Management Policy.

General Managers are responsible for:

- ensuring that the operations under their control comply with this Policy;
- establishing and monitoring achievement of agreed environmental performance objectives; and
- actively promulgating the Policy.

Managers and Leaders are responsible for:

- ensuring that legal and environmental standards are met;
- ensuring that the environmental management systems and procedures are developed and applied in the workplace to prevent or minimise environmental risks;
- providing and documenting environmental training;
- ensuring environmental improvement plans and programs are developed, implemented, monitored and reviewed;
- ensuring environmental incident response procedures are implemented, maintained and incidents reported and investigated; and
- ensuring environmental performance is monitored and reported to their General Managers.

All SA Power Networks personnel are responsible for:

- being involved in, and committed to, sound environmental management practices in the workplace;
- complying with all environmental legislation, systems and procedures in their workplace;
- conducting their duties in a manner that prevents or minimises environmental damage or nuisance; and
- reporting any incident or threatened incident to their manager or leader.

General Manager People & Culture is the custodian of the Environmental Policy.

The Manager Environment & Property Services is responsible for:

- coordinating the review process every year for relevance to business requirements and consistency with legislation and government directives;
- reviewing and recommending updates to the Policy;
- monitoring the implementation of the Policy;
- developing, coordinating implementation, monitoring and reporting performance of SA Power Networks environmental management system; and
- providing advice on legislation and other environmental issues.

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