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## Environment Policy

### Statement

The Sydney Coastal Councils Group (SCCG) is committed to reducing its impact on the environment including reducing greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency, sustainable transport, sustainable procurement and sustainable practices within its internal operations.

### What we are doing

The SCCG is committed to:

- Reduce the impacts of climate change
- Prepare for future legislative and regulatory developments
- Respond to public demand and staff expectations
- Improve its reputation as an environmental leader
- Influence member councils and their coastal communities
- Reduce costs and risks through energy savings measures

The SCCG will reduce its impact on the environment and manage its operations in a sustainable manner by:

- Implementing sustainable procurement procedures; including purchasing more energy efficient office equipment and recycled/compostable/carbon neutral stationary supplies
- Reducing car use where possible taking public transport options where appropriate
- Holding SCCG meetings in appropriate locations easily accessible by public transport providers, or utilising teleconferencing facilities
- Encouraging car pooling by SCCG staff and delegates
- Offsetting any air travel for SCCG staff traveling to meetings and conferences
- Advocating for sustainable management of the coastal environment
- Implementing programs with a sustainability/environmental focus and message

### Review

This Policy will be reviewed every 4 years unless amendments are required prior to that timeframe.

### Revision History

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