



Environmental Policy

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Principle

As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact (UNGC), KPMG Australia acknowledge the immediate opportunities and challenges that climate change presents to the firm and our clients, stakeholders and communities.

Purpose

We recognise that we have a moral obligation towards our people and the broader community to ensure that we are actively managing and minimising the impact of our operations and services on the environment.

Commitment

Consistent with the environmental principles contained within the UNGC, we are committed to embedding leading environmental practices into our business strategy, operations and supply chain, as well as cultivating environmental awareness and climate action among our internal and external stakeholders.

Application

The Environmental Policy ("Policy") applies to KPMG Australia and covers our leased offices in Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Darwin, Gold Coast, Hobart, Karratha, Melbourne, Newcastle, Parramatta, Perth, Rhodes, Sydney and Wollongong.

Action

We acknowledge that the activities required to deliver our services have both a direct and indirect impact on the environment. To support our commitment, we will:

KPMG People (Partners and Employees)

- Communicate the importance of environmental issues as they relate to the firm and to our people.
- Provide information, support and tools for our people to reduce their environmental impact.
- Offer opportunities to harness employee enthusiasm, raise awareness of climate action and embed environmental sustainability into the way we do business.

Energy and Emissions

- Consider environmental issues and energy performance in the procurement, design, refurbishment and management of the buildings we lease/own.
- Power our operations with 100% renewable energy sources by 2022 and report against our renewable energy target annually.
- Encourage options including remote working, virtual service delivery and digital collaboration tools to minimise the environmental impact of our business travel.

Waste and Water

- Measure waste generation and water usage across our operations where possible.
- Strive to reduce/divert waste we send to landfill from our operations.
- Eliminate all single use plastic items from our operations and supply chain by 2030, including those in our offices, catering and events.
- Reduce food waste and packaging in our catering through continued education, working with our produce suppliers and aligning to food rescue organisations, where possible.
- Strive to reduce water usage from our operations.
- Promote reuse and recycling in our offices, including new recycling streams for office waste where possible and collection of ITC equipment, batteries and mobile devices.

Clients

- Promote best practice environmental sustainability commitments and initiatives with our clients.
- Decline engagements with clients that will negatively impact the environment.
- Prioritise investment in areas of our practice which deliver research and client solutions with positive environmental outcomes.
- Ensure clients comply with legal environmental standards.
- Continue to support our key environmental community partners wherever possible.

Supply Chain

- Consider climate risks and impacts when procuring goods and services.
- Assess the environmental targets and performance of key suppliers by evaluating their alignment to our Supplier Code of Conduct and Supplier Questionnaire.
- Embed environmental performance as a component of our procurement policy and engage our suppliers to adopt science-based targets to reduce our supply chain emissions.

Legal and other requirements

- Regularly monitor the Policy to ensure that we conduct our activities in full knowledge of and in compliance with all environmental laws, regulations, our stakeholder expectations and other relevant standards directions and other relevant standards.
- Review and revise the Policy as necessary.

Process

Environmental Sustainability is a key focus area within our Corporate Citizenship Social Impact Framework. In delivering on the Policy, KPMG Australia is committed to a program of continual improvement and will set targets, measure progress against them and, where appropriate, share our progress with stakeholders.

Governance and Reporting

Environmental Sustainability Performance indicators are monitored and reported annually through our Global Climate Response.

Our environmental performance and adherence with the Policy is our responsibility collectively as a Firm and as individuals. Each KPMG Person and each supplier retained by KPMG Australia is responsible for adherence to the principles of the Policy. We will communicate internally and externally the Policy and our environmental performance on a regular basis.

Review

The Policy will be reviewed annually.

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