

## Environmental Policy Statement

RMIT recognises and acknowledges the Bundjil Statement, which helps all RMIT community to respectfully work, live and study on Aboriginal Country through a dhumbali (commitment) to not harm the wurneet (waterways), biik biik (lands) and bubups (children) of Bundjil. RMIT supports the rights and the self-determination of Indigenous peoples and acknowledges the importance of Indigenous knowledge in preserving and protecting place for current and future generations.

RMIT Property Services is focused on providing quality property, facilities and services to support all University activities in a safe and sustainable manner. Property Services is committed to protecting the environment, including the prevention of pollution, by working proactively with stakeholders, contractors and business partners to implement the following environmental management objectives:

- Complying with all applicable statutory, regulatory and RMIT requirements.
- Embedding responsible practice into planning and decision-making processes to instil a consciousness of place-specific considerations to work respectfully on Aboriginal country.
- Planning, building and operating infrastructure to a high environmental standard, utilising best-practice sustainable design and innovative technologies to deliver efficient, resilient and adaptable buildings.
- Delivering on RMIT's greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and actions to enable a transition to a low carbon future, whilst adapting the University to the impacts of climate change.
- Monitoring, evaluating, reporting and improving on environmental impacts including the adoption of measures and behaviours that support and promote:
  - ✓ the circular economy through waste avoidance, materials reuse, recycling
  - ✓ minimisation of single-use, disposable items including plastics
  - ✓ the responsible management and disposal of landfill and hazardous waste
  - ✓ energy conservation and efficiency
  - ✓ water conservation and sustainable water management, including harvesting, reuse and water-sensitive design
  - ✓ sustainable and safe commuting (walking, cycling and access to public transport modes) through the provision of infrastructure, engagement and practices
  - ✓ Preserving and enhancing our cultural assets, built heritage and biodiversity.
- Working with our suppliers and contractors to provide greater transparency of our supply chains and drive sustainable outcomes.
- Continually improving the Environmental Management System to enhance our environmental performance.
- Developing, implementing, monitoring and reviewing safety, quality and environmental management plans and safe and sustainable systems of work.
- Regularly monitoring and reporting on our performance to internal and external stakeholders, and evaluating performance to inform continuous improvement.
- Attaining and maintaining certification to AS/NZS ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.



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