

# ENV.005 ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

**BCEC's commitment to sustainability encompasses Environmental, Social and Economic impacts. BCEC has implemented environmental management systems, processes and organisational structures to meet Earth Check's Company Standard.**

## Profile

BCEC is a world leading provider of convention and exhibition products and services. BCEC is a purpose-built convention, exhibition and special events facility with a fully integrated range of in-house services hosting an average of over 1100 events each year. The Centre houses 44 meeting and event spaces, four exhibition halls, restaurant facilities and multiple food and beverage outlets. Located in the CBD riverside South Bank cultural, entertainment and dining precinct, with more than 70 cafes, bars and restaurants and 900 hotel rooms surrounded by 17 hectares of parkland.

In the spirit of reconciliation and respect, Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre (BCEC) warmly acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which BCEC now stands. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and recognise their enduring contribution to the culture and spirit of the land.

## Risk Impacts

With 1100 events and an average of 800,000 people passing through the Centre on an annual basis, BCEC is a major enterprise and its operation results in the consumption of significant quantities of energy and resources. BCEC develops and promotes processes to ensure the Centre's business and community values encompass economic, environmental and social responsibility and is committed to continually improving its performance and annual benchmarking - a core business principle.

## Operating Guidelines

- BCEC is committed to work practices with sustainable values and environmental and community focused outcomes meeting the requirements of the Earth Check Company Standard.
- BCEC has appointed an Earth Check Coordinator.
- The Corporate Responsibility Team (CRT) is committed to sustainability by identifying related risks and implementing actions and preventative measures to achieve desired outcomes.
- Consideration is given to employing and empowering local employees, recognising and practising Fair Trade.
- Wherever possible, environmentally sustainable products and services will be sourced locally.
- We encourage staff to present BCEC's commitment to Corporate Responsibility and our Earth Check Platinum Standard certification to our clients, guests, suppliers, and stakeholders.
- Sustainability is a mandatory requirement within the BCEC's orientation program for all staff; this extends to individual department inductions and forms part of the yearly compliance training.
- Sustainability forms part of BCEC's contractor induction program.

This policy has been developed to provide a clear statement of BCEC's commitment to managing both its environmental and social impacts. BCEC will set appropriate objectives to support the Sustainability Policy, these include:

- Commitment to the UN SDGs through BCEC actions, partnerships, and stakeholder engagement
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Commitment to reduce / minimise energy, waste and water consumption.
- Promotion of recycling activities.
- Commitment to achieve a positive social impact on the local and wider communities.
- Promotion of sustainable practices to BCEC clients, suppliers, and stakeholders.
- Commitment to comply with legislative and other requirements.
- Commitment to continually improve its Sustainability Management Systems.
- Commitment to Fair Trade.
- Commitment to the protection of the environment.

**Note:** This policy is a public document on display, is available on our website; a copy may be given to anyone upon request. BCEC invites staff, guests, suppliers, contractors and the community to suggest ways to further achieve best practice in environmental and social sustainability [EarthCheck@bcec.com.au](mailto:EarthCheck@bcec.com.au).

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