

ADELAIDE — CEMETERIES

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DEFINITIONS

Act	<i>Adelaide Cemeteries Authority Act 2001</i>
Authority	Adelaide Cemeteries Authority as defined by the Act
Board	Board of Directors of the Authority as appointed under the Act
CEO	Chief Executive Officer of the Authority as appointed by the Board
EMSC	Environmental Management Steering Committee
EMT	Executive Management Team
Management	The CEO and any employee of the Authority employed as a manager as defined by the responsibilities of the role and as outlined in the approved job description.
Sustainability	Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

1 POLICY AIM

This policy establishes the Authority's commitment to environmental sustainability in accordance with its strategic objectives.

2 POLICY SCOPE

This policy applies to all areas of the Authority's operations.

3 POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Authority that it will:

- reduce its GHG emissions intensity having regard to its expected growth and seek to reduce its gross GHG emissions
- seek to act as a steward of the natural ecosystems in which it operates its cemeteries
- maintain and develop its environmental management system in line with its strategic objectives
- maintain certification of its environmental management system under ISO 14001:2015,
- comply with laws relating to environmental protection.

In committing to the above objectives, the Authority seeks to deliver on its strategic objectives and contribute towards the *SA Government Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025*.

4 POLICY PRINCIPLES

The Authority recognises the importance of environmental sustainability.

The Authority seeks to support sustainability while balancing the expectations of its workforce and the wider community within the scope of its economic resources. In recognition of sustainability the Authority will support the following objectives through specific initiatives:

- efficient resource consumption
- waste minimisation and diversion
- respectful education of stakeholders in support of minimisation of environmental impacts
- enhancement of the natural ecosystems in its cemeteries.

4.1 Responsibilities

The CEO together with the EMT has responsibility for the implementation of this policy and to demonstrate leadership in accordance with ISO14001:2015.

4.2 Environmental Performance

The Authority shall monitor, measure, analyse, and evaluate its environmental performance through its EMSC.

The EMSC will be responsible for the oversight and reporting of environmental performance to the EMT.

5 LEGISLATIVE REQUIREMENTS

[Adelaide Cemeteries Authority Act 2001](#)

[Environmental Protection Act 1993](#)

6 RELATED POLICIES

Nil

7 RELATED PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND FORMS

[Environmental Management System Framework - EMS000](#)

[EMSC Charter - EMS002](#)

AUTHORISED BY AND EFFECTIVE DATE



Signature: _____

Chief Executive Officer

Date: 27 June 2023