



Environmental Responsibility

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The Anglican Diocese of Perth under God, has oversight of all Anglican parishes, schools and community organisations within its region. Due to its considerable size, both geographically and demographically, the Diocese is in a strong position to influence widespread environmental responsibility within Western Australia.

In relation to environmental responsibility, The Anglican Diocese of Perth upholds the fifth mark of mission “to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth” and does so by:

- Periodically reviewing its operations so as to comply with State and Commonwealth environmental legislation and otherwise endeavouring to improve its environmental performance.
- Recognising the traditional approach of Aboriginal Australians in “treading lightly”, and as far as reasonably possible having a beneficial impact on our lands and waters.
- Periodically reviewing waste disposal and environmental outflows so as to reduce our contribution to environmental pollution.
- Periodically reviewing environmental inputs in the form of water, energy, and building materials so as to reduce as far as reasonably practicable our impact on the environment through the consumption of non-renewable natural resources.
- Periodically reviewing all operations so as to assure the adoption of effective environmental practises and the protection of adjacent natural environments.
- Minimising the impact on the environment by seeking alternatives to the use of motor vehicle and air travel where reasonably possible.

This environmental policy statement informs the Anglican Diocese of Perth’s actions and will be communicated along with the Diocesan Sustainability Guidelines* to all Worshipping Communities, service agencies and educational institutions.

**As adopted by Synod 2010.*