



PARISH PROPERTY - ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

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1 PREAMBLE

The Diocese of Perth at its 2010 Synod, announced the publication of the 'Sustainability Guidelines for the Diocese of Perth' to assist Parishes and Agencies in achieving the highest possible levels of environmental and energy sustainability. These guidelines can be viewed on the Diocesan website and is a key resource in planning sustainable practices within the operation of Diocesan activities.

The Diocese of Perth is committed to the careful stewardship of the environment refer to The Protection of the Environment Canon 2007 and Policy 54 Environmental Responsibility.

By adopting the Canon, the Diocese undertook to do the following:

- a Reduce its environmental footprint by increasing the water and energy efficiency of its current facilities and operations; and
- b Ensure that environmental sustainability is an essential consideration in the development of any new facilities and operations.

2 ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS

In the early stages of the building of a Parish Centre or Rectory, consideration should be given to environmental factors such as:

- a Four-star green rating in the construction of buildings
- b Adopting (where practicable) environmental conservation guidelines in design, selection of building materials, and integrating the natural and built environment
- c Energy efficient ratings for ovens, hot water systems, air conditioning, passive heating and any other appliances installed in the property
- d Solar hot water systems
- e Installation of Photovoltaic Cells to reduce energy costs and carbon footprint
- f Rainwater harvesting and/or water recycling; and
- g 'Low water use' gardens.