

**AUSTRALIAN RESPIRATORY COUNCIL
POLICY STATEMENT ON
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY**

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This Policy Statement outlines the Australian Respiratory Council's (ARC's) position in relation to environmental sustainability.

The ARC acknowledges that its activities have an impact on the global environment and that operations can be modified to reduce negative environmental impacts and increase positive environmental impacts. ARC is committed to improving its environmental performance and reducing the organisation's contribution to climate change and environmental degradation.

This policy is applicable to ARC employees and volunteers in the course of carrying out their duties. It applies to ARC's Australian operations and office, specifically office-based activities within Australia and travel within Australia and to international destinations.

The ARC will act on it's commitment by:

- a) complying with all applicable legal and other environmental regulations
- b) reducing or offsetting greenhouse gas emissions
- c) implementing waste minimisation initiatives
- d) minimising water usage
- e) promoting efficient transport solutions for commuting staff and implementing initiatives that reduce air and other transport impacts
- e) engaging staff, volunteers, supporters, suppliers, contractors, interested third parties and the public, to encourage participation in environmental sustainability
- f) encourage a positive attitude towards reducing our carbon footprint within ARC and its partnerships
- g) developing sustainable procurement practices

Our activities will be based on the principle of continuous improvement and where environmental impacts cannot be avoided, they will be mitigated.