

Environment and Social Sustainability Policy



Scope

The Brisbane Showgrounds is a world-class events and lifestyle precinct located just 1.5km from the city's CBD and 15 minutes from the Brisbane Airport. It's home to the state-of-the-art Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC).

Founded in 1875, the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) is an independent, not-for-profit member based association that has freehold title to the iconic Brisbane Showgrounds.

The RNA's charter is to celebrate and champion the essential role agriculture plays in the everyday lives of Queenslanders.

The recent redevelopment of the Brisbane Showgrounds into a master planned precinct has seen the RNA demonstrate "World Leadership" by achieving a 6-Star Green Star rating.

Brisbane Showgrounds acts in accordance with its guiding values – Customer Focus, Integrity, Respect, Innovation, and Achievement. The Showgrounds are committed to continually improving its environment and social sustainability performance through the sustainable use of resources such as water and electricity; minimising waste generated throughout the facility; providing local employment opportunities and the procurement of local goods and services.

Approach

In order to achieve its objectives, Brisbane Showgrounds is working towards becoming Australia's first Green Globe Certified Convention Centre. This has been formalised with a dedicated Sustainability Task Force. The Task Force's objective is to implement strategies, policies and procedures which foster an educational program to build a strong environmentally aware business culture whilst reducing the venue's environmental footprint. Brisbane Showgrounds actively engages with employees, customers, and the community to develop ways to further achieve best practice in environmental and social sustainability.

Brisbane Showgrounds will set clear objectives to support the Sustainability Policy. These include:

- Reduce long-term environmental impact.
- Reduce / minimise CO2 emissions, energy, waste, and water consumption.
- Promote recycling activities.
- Provide educational programs during customer, partner and employee inductions and staff meetings.
- Commit to continually monitor and benchmark to provide transparent continuous improvement reports.
- Recognise the Local Indigenous Custodians of the land Brisbane Showgrounds inhabits.
- Promote sustainability practices to employees, clients, and suppliers.
- Commit to sustainable procurement through the sourcing of products and suppliers of local origin and following fair trade principles.
- Market Brisbane Showgrounds as a sustainable business.



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