
Eyre Peninsula Local Government Association Policy



POLICY AND PROCEDURE

POLICY TITLE:

Environmental Sustainability and Resource Efficiency Policy

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To reduce the negative environmental impacts from the operation of the EPLGA, being mindful of our carbon footprint as well as our consumption of resources such as power and water. In addition, EPLGA has a role in the promotion of best practice environment protection strategies to Members and the wider community, and to assist Councils in operating sustainably.

POLICY DETAILS

EPLGA does not own buildings and other major assets but operates in such a way that the following practices have the potential to have the most negative impact on our environment:

- Energy consumption.
- Vehicle emissions
- Generation of Office Waste

ENERGY CONSUMPTION and GENERATION OF OFFICE WASTE

EPLGA operates an office in a complex leased by the Regional Development Australia Whyalla & Eyre Peninsula Board. The Executive Officer should review all internal office practices on an on-going basis, seeking opportunities to reduce energy consumption by monitoring the use of electronic devices, lights, heating and ensuring that all devices are operated as efficiently as possible.

To comply with records management requirement, the practice has been to retain key documents as hard copies as well as electronic. While the generation of such documents consumes resources, it is also the most effective way to ensure adherence to records management requirements. However, an on-going review of office practices will seek any opportunities to reduce the use of hard copies.

Our website is one way of offering electronic version of major documents to member Councils and others rather than printing.

VEHICLE EMISSIONS

The operation of EPLGA has necessitated the calling of meetings at designated venues, and all 11 Members Councils then attend these meetings. An evaluation of the efficiency of this operational method should be made at least once during the time of this Policy, bearing in mind the environmental impacts of face-to-face attendance and the opportunity for using video conferencing technology as an alternative. This evaluation should be made in conjunction with member Councils, many of whom will be looking at the emissions standard of their own vehicle fleet as part of their operations

While the carbon trading legislation designed to assist Australia reach climate change targets will not initially have significant application for EPLGA, the organization has a role in co-coordinating the dissemination of

information and work practices to all member Councils. In addition, EPLGA can promote environmentally effective practices wherever possible.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:
Executive Officer

REVIEW PERIOD: **To be reviewed every three (3) years.**

Last Reviewed: **24 June 2016**