



## ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY

# TRANSPORT POLICY

### 1. OVERVIEW

Rottnest Island is an A-Class Reserve that attracts around half a million visitors each year. Among its special attributes is being a low-traffic holiday settlement with no private vehicles. The Rottnest Island Authority (the RIA) is committed to protecting the bicycle and pedestrian-friendly environments that are highly valued by visitors. People working on the Island are encouraged to walk or use bicycles as the preferred means of transport when practical.

While there are no private vehicles, some vehicles are required for visitor services and Island management. These include RIA vehicles and trailers used for tours, visitor transport, ranger services, education and environmental and heritage management. Contractors, Island businesses, Government agencies and volunteer groups operate vehicles on the Island for maintenance, luggage and goods delivery, cleaning, emergency services, events and other visitor and management services. Additional vehicles, for example delivery vans, access the Island on a temporary basis. Occasionally heavy vehicles are used on the Island for major building or maintenance projects.

The purpose of the Transport Policy (the Policy) is to set out objectives and principles for transport on Rottnest Island as a basis for improving sustainability (environmental, social and financial) of the movement of goods and people. The policy is the basis for development of the RIA's *Sustainable Transport Strategy*.

### 2. OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the Policy are to:

- improve sustainability of Rottnest Island by reducing use of non-renewable fuels and associated greenhouse gas emissions, preventing pollution and conserving water which will contribute to gaining EarthCheck Certification;
- reduce the cost of moving goods and people around the Island for the RIA and its partner organisations;
- improve the visitor experience by minimising the impact of vehicle movements around the Island while maintaining high quality services;
- enhance enjoyment of riding bicycles and walking; and
- improve safety of visitors, workers and residents on the Island.

### 3. SCOPE

This Policy is applicable to all operations and functions of the RIA, its contractors, business community, partners and other agencies operating on Rottnest Island. This includes:

- all RIA motorised vehicles and trailers (including vehicles based in Fremantle);
- all RIA contractor vehicles and trailers based on the Island for more than one month; and
- all vehicles used on the Island by the RIA's partner organisations, including commercial operators and non-commercial operators such as Government agencies and volunteer groups.

The Policy *does not* apply to the Captain Hussey train, boating vessels, ferries, bicycles, wheelchairs and other motorised vehicles used by mobility-impaired people.

The Policy *does not* apply to vehicles brought to the Island on a temporary basis (less than one month) for example for research, deliveries and removals, golf tournaments or other short-term events. However these vehicles are required to comply with the *Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island Policy*.

### 4. DEFINITIONS

**Sustainability** – Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

**Vehicle** – Every conveyance, not being a train, vessel or aircraft, and every object capable of being propelled or drawn, on wheels or tracks, by any means (*Road Traffic Act 1974*).

### 5. POLICY STATEMENTS

It is the RIA's policy that:

#### *Vehicle selection*

- 5.1** *Selection and replacement of vehicles under 4.5 tonnes leased by the RIA including those operated on the mainland will be guided by the State Fleet Vehicle Selection Matrix and Rottnest Island Authority Sustainability Policy (2010).*
- 5.2** *Selection and replacement of all vehicles based on the Island will be consistent with the Rottnest Island Authority Sustainability Policy (2010), and achieving goals, objectives and performance indicators set as part of EarthCheck Certification.*
- 5.3** *Vehicle selection will enhance flexibility in responding to variations in passenger numbers (e.g. seasonal demand) and requirements for goods to be transported in a cost and energy efficient manner.*
- 5.4** *All vehicles based on the Island shall be of an appropriate style, and presented and maintained to a standard of body work and cleanliness appropriate to reinforcing the values of the Island as a tourist and holiday destination.*

### **Vehicle operation**

- 5.5 No vehicle will be permitted to land on Rottnest Island without a permit issued under the Rottnest Island Authority Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island policy in compliance with Rottnest Island Authority Regulations 1988, Part 5, and division 3 – Vehicles.**
- 5.6 All vehicles brought onto the Island, including earth moving machinery, must be clean and free of soil, seeds and other plant material to prevent introduction of weeds, pests and diseases to the Island.**
- 5.7 Operation of vehicles on the Island shall be consistent with the Rottnest Island Authority Sustainability Policy (2010) and meeting goals, objectives and Performance Indicators for EarthCheck Certification.**
- 5.8 Operation of all vehicles based on the Island shall be based on a holistic approach to ensure cost and other efficiency targets are met, for example sharing vehicles between business units where appropriate and recharging electric vehicles to maximise efficiency of electricity use.**
- 5.9 The user pays principle applies to operation of all vehicles including the RIA fleet.**
- 5.10 Vehicle numbers and movements on the Island shall be kept to a minimum consistent with effective operation and service delivery.**
- 5.11 Vehicle movements (e.g. time restrictions, timetables and schedules) shall be planned to protect visitor safety and amenity, and minimise impact on pedestrian and bicycle road users and other visitors including through noise, disturbance and competition between road users.**
- 5.12 Vehicle storage and parking when not in use shall be out of sight whenever possible to reinforce Rottnest Island as a low-vehicle, pedestrian friendly environment.**
- 5.13 Fuelling, cleaning, repair and servicing of vehicles shall be undertaken in a manner consistent with water conservation and pollution control to meet the objectives of the Rottnest Island Authority Sustainable Water Use Policy (2010) and EarthCheck Certification.**
- 5.14 All drivers of vehicles on Rottnest Island shall comply with the Rottnest Island Authority Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island Policy and Rottnest Island Authority Regulations 1988, Part 5, and division 3 – Vehicles.**

### **Fuel and energy sources**

- 5.15 Selection of fuel sources shall be based on reducing dependence on diesel, petrol and other non-renewable fuels, reducing the requirement to import vehicle fuel from the mainland, minimising greenhouse gas emissions and improving sustainability.**

### **Roads and routes**

- 5.16 Road design and maintenance shall encourage pedestrian and bicycle use and minimise the impact of vehicles on amenity and safety of other road users.**
- 5.17 Routes and schedules shall be planned to protect the natural environment and visitor safety and amenity, and to minimise impact on pedestrian and bicycle road users and other visitors including through noise, disturbance and competition between road users.**

**5.18 Unsealed roads and paths shall be accessed by vehicles only for approved purposes (e.g. research, environmental management, emergency response) in compliance with the Rottnest Island Authority Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island Policy and Bushfire Management Plan.**

#### **Application of the Policy**

**5.19 Current contractors, business operators and Government agencies will be assisted and encouraged to comply with the Policy, and to support improvements in sustainability and EarthCheck Certification for Rottnest Island. Compliance will be required as a specific condition in all new contracts and leases, and of leases renewed for 12 months or more.**

**5.20 Police, ambulance and other emergency vehicles shall be selected on their ability to provide effective emergency response. Operation of emergency vehicles will comply with the policy except when compliance impacts on the capacity to respond to an emergency.**

**5.21 Vehicles brought to the Island for specific projects (e.g. construction) for a period of less than 12 months are required to comply with the Policy with exemption of Policy statements 5.1 to 5.3 referring to vehicle selection.**

## **6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**General Manager Governance, Strategy and Support** is responsible for communicating and raising awareness about the Policy across the RIA and its partners, including contractors, business community, government agencies and volunteer groups.

**Manager Works and Contracts Services** is responsible for ensuring effective implementation by commercial operators and agencies operating on the Island, through awareness, advice, business lease conditions and other mechanisms. This Manager is also responsible for effective implementation of the Policy by contractors through awareness, advice, contract provisions and other mechanisms.

**Manager, Tours and Transport** is responsible for application of the Policy to the RIA's Tours and Transport business and RIA fleet operation.

**Manager, Marine and Terrestrial** is responsible for ensuring effective implementation of the Policy by volunteer groups, implementation of *the Rottnest Island Authority Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island Policy* and for providing advice on requirements of EarthCheck Certification and conditions relating to biosecurity of Rottnest Island.

**Manager, Planning and Governance** is responsible for coordinating application of the Policy to road planning.

**Manager Holiday Services** is responsible for effective implementation of the Policy for events.

**All Managers** are responsible for ensuring effective implementation of the Policy by their Business Unit and contractors brought onto the Island.

## 7. STATUTORY COMPLIANCE and RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION

The Policy reflects the requirements of:

1. *WA Government Fleet Policy and Guidelines*
2. *Rottnest Island Management Plan 2009-2014*
3. *Rottnest Island Sustainability Policy 2010*
4. *Rottnest Island Authority Sustainability Framework February 2010*
5. *Rottnest Island Sustainable Water Use Policy 2010*
6. *Rottnest Island Authority Use of Vehicles on Rottnest Island Guidelines*
7. *Rottnest Island Authority Regulations 1988, Part 5, and division 3 – Vehicles.*

## 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

The Policy is effective from 1 July 2011.

## 9. REVIEW DATE

The Policy will be reviewed by 1 July 2014.


## 10. POLICY CUSTODIAN


Manager Planning and Governance

## 11. POLICY AUTHORISATION

This Policy details the Rottnest Island Authority's Sustainable Transport Policy.

Signed:

  
Chief Executive Officer

  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 12. DOCUMENT REVISION

Revision	Revision Description	Prepared by:	Date	Page