



## ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY POLICY

# Sustainability

### OVERVIEW

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) protects and manages Rottnest Island's environment and heritage, and provides and operates facilities including:

- a range of accommodation;
- recreational services such as education, interpretation and tours;
- utilities for water, power, gas, wastewater and waste management; and
- transport services and infrastructure including public transport, tours, roads and paths, boating facilities and airport.

Private operators in the Rottnest Island business community offer further accommodation together with ferry and barge transport, retail and leisure businesses. Partners including contracted facilities managers, other Government agencies and volunteer groups contribute to providing facilities and services for the small resident community and approximately half a million visitors each year.

The RIA is committed to striving to achieve sustainability in line with its vision that *Rottnest Island is an internationally recognised, sustainable, must-see tourism destination*. The Sustainability Policy (the Policy) defines the commitment to sustainability as a basis for externally-audited EarthCheck benchmarking and certification.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

The policy is effective from 1 September 2014.

### OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the Policy are to:

1. articulate the RIA's commitment to improving sustainability to staff, partners, visitors and the community; and
2. commit the RIA and its partners and visitors to achieve sustainability.

### SCOPE

This Policy and any associated procedures and forms are applicable to all operations of the Authority and to all its officers, employees and representatives.

### POLICY STATEMENTS

It is the policy of the RIA to:

- comply with all relevant legislation and regulations;
- continually improve sustainability performance, undertake and report on annual benchmarking of performance and strive to achieve international best practice in sustainability through EarthCheck benchmarking and certification;
- communicate the RIA's commitment to sustainability to our guests, visitors, suppliers, contractors, business community and other partners and to work with them to develop a whole-of-Island approach to improving sustainability;

- implement a Sustainable Utilities Policy to provide compliant and reliable utilities that maximise efficiencies and minimise non-renewable resource use with long-term strategies to address future needs;
- implement a Social Sustainability Policy to engender a positive social environment by supporting the well-being of visitors, residents, volunteers and workers, promoting awareness, engaging stakeholders, and providing best in-class customer service;
- implement an Environmental Policy to protect the Island's flora and fauna, ensure conservation of the Island's unique environment and ecosystems, reduce environmental risks, achieve compliance, and promote pollution prevention;
- encourage the procurement of local and responsibly sourced, sustainable products and services by implementing a Sustainable Procurement Policy; and
- ensure development on Rottnest Island achieves sustainability through the implementation of Sustainable Development Planning policies and guidelines.

