



## ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY POLICY

# Environment

### OVERVIEW

The Rottnest Island Authority (RIA) has been established to manage Rottnest Island according to the *Rottnest Island Authority Act (the Act)*.

The control and management of the Island is vested in the RIA for the purpose of enabling it to:

- a) Provide and operate recreational and holiday facilities on the Island;
- b) Protect the flora and fauna of the Island; and
- c) Maintain and protect the natural environment and the man-made resources of the Island, and to the extent that the Authority's resources allow, repair its natural environment.

To achieve the purposes of the *Rottnest Island Authority Act*, The RIA works in collaboration with the Rottnest Island Chamber of Commerce, commercial operators, volunteer organisations, facilities and maintenance contractors, and other government agencies to provide a range of services and activities. The mechanism by which this is governed includes leasing, permits, licensing, various agreements and commercial contract arrangements.

The range of operations, services and activities undertaken on Rottnest Island are many and various comprising:

- providing and operating a range of holiday accommodation and facilities;
- providing retail, hospitality and visitor services;
- providing various recreational services and experiences including tours, adventure activities and hire products such as bicycles;
- management of the Island's A-class reserve including natural, cultural and built heritage environments;
- maintaining the Island's built assets such as commercial buildings and infrastructure such as roads and paths, boating facilities and airport;
- supplying utilities including power, gas, water as well as wastewater and solid waste management;
- providing various community services such as public transport, walk trails, interpretation, education, guiding, fire and emergency services and hosting community volunteers and community events; and
- facilitating and hosting other government operations such as police, department of fisheries, and health services.

There are inherent environmental risks associated with the range of operations, services and activities provided and undertaken within Rottnest Island Reserve. The RIA is committed to managing the environment of the Rottnest Island Reserve as model of sustainability. The Environmental Policy provides a direction for environmental management within the Rottnest Island Reserve.

### OBJECTIVES

The key objectives of the policy are to:

1. Provide direction for environmental management within the Rottnest Island Reserve;
2. Protect and conserve the environmental values and conservation targets of the Rottnest Island Reserve; and
3. Meet relevant legal, contractual and voluntary obligations including associated standards, policies and procedures.

### SCOPE

This Policy and any associated procedures and forms are applicable to all operations of the RIA and its partners, including contractors, lessees, licensees, and other government agencies.

### POLICY STATEMENTS

It is the policy of the RIA to:

- Recognise, understand and control the environmental risks associated with RIA activities including internal operations, contracts, leasing and licensing arrangements within the Rottnest Island Reserve;

- Provide a supportive culture by embracing behaviours that contribute to environmental sustainability or improved environmental outcomes;
- Promote the efficient use of resources including energy and water;
- Take responsibility of waste derived from island activities by implementing waste avoidance, reuse and recycling strategies and reduce the amount of waste that is disposed of;
- Minimise environmental harm and prevent pollution by applying a hierarchy of controls to eliminate, substitute or mitigate impacts;
- Comply with applicable legal requirements and to other requirements to which the RIA subscribes to;
- Continue to improve processes and delivery methods and enhance the quality and practice of business activities, services and product with regards to environmental performance;
- Demonstrate continual improvement and report annually on environmental performance.

