



EARTHCHECK

EarthCheck's Sustainability and Energy Efficiency Policy

EarthCheck is the world's leading scientific benchmarking, certification and advisory group for travel and tourism. Since 1987, we have helped businesses, communities and governments to deliver clean, safe, prosperous and healthy destinations for travellers to visit, live, work and play. We understand the value of big ideas and the importance of clear communication. We know that what can be good for the planet is also good for business. We work with governments, businesses and destinations to deliver clean, safe and prosperous destinations through our strategic consulting services and technology solutions as well as through our certification and capacity building programs.

EarthCheck Headquarters is located within a business building sitting on 3392 m² of land in an urban environment located at Level 5, 189 Grey Street, South Brisbane, Australia (27.4799° 28' S, 153.0222° 01' E). The property is bounded by Ernest St to the north, a railway to the west, Tribune St to the south and Grey St to the east. The office space is shared with two other business entities. It is an open-plan office space that utilises extensive natural lighting. The closest water body is the Brisbane River, 400 metres to the east of the property. The property is also located within close proximity to Musgrave Park known for its cultural significance to indigenous Australians. This location provides no known threats to the surrounding environment in the city. EarthCheck works closely with Business South Bank and has a member sit on both their Board and Sustainability Committee.

We are committed to protecting the environment, specifically from harm and degradation arising from EarthCheck's activities, products and services and undertaking actions to enhance our Corporate Social Responsibility under the EarthCheck Company Standard v4.0. We encourage our staff to maintain this commitment to environmental and social responsibilities in our daily operations and we seek support from our customers, service providers, business partners, contractors and suppliers to deliver improved environmental and social outcomes.

EarthCheck is committed to ensure local and Fairtrade goods and services are purchased where available. Additionally, we sponsor graduate students from local universities, give special consideration to employing and empowering staff from the local community and source products and services where possible from local producers and suppliers.

We have appointed an EarthCheck Coordinator, who has the responsibility and skills for ensuring ongoing environmental performance, identification of environmental risks, recording and monitoring of impacts and implementing environmental and social sustainability measures. A dedicated Green Team has also been established and trained to assist in the reporting on the organisation's environmental performance, mitigation of environmental risks and monitoring environmental initiatives and sustainability programs.

EarthCheck is committed to continually improve its environmental and social sustainability performance along with energy efficiency by undergoing an annual benchmarking evaluation and certification through the EarthCheck Certified program. Internal and external stakeholder feedback regarding the Policy is considered. EarthCheck will comply with all relevant legislations and regulations regarding sustainability and will strive to achieve international best practice in any of our organisational sustainability requirements.

Stewart Moore, CEO EarthCheck

NOTE: *This policy is a public document to be on display, a copy may be given to anyone. The organisation invites staff, landowners, guests, suppliers and the community to suggest ways to further achieve best practice environmental and social sustainability. This policy will be reviewed annually.*