

SOUTH EAST WATER ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Purpose

South East Water will expand environmental integrity by striving to consume natural resources at a rate below natural reproduction and avoid producing waste at a rate beyond the capacity of the natural system to absorb it. We will also apply the Precautionary Principle to all of our activities.

Policy Statement

To this end we will:

- Prevent harm to the environment by striving to eliminate adverse impacts due to our activities
- Not allow ignorance to be an excuse for causing or perpetuating environmental damage
- Develop strategies consistent with broader community expectations to deliver improved environmental performance that goes beyond compliance.
- Implement natural resource use reduction and waste minimisation in the way we operate and promote these practices to our customers and stakeholders.
- Ensure the maintenance and conservation of the health, biodiversity and productivity of the resources we manage
- Enhance the resilience of the natural and built environment
- Encourage staff to have concern and respect for the environment through ensuring awareness of activities that may have adverse impacts and the imperative and understanding to minimise these.
- Comply with, and where appropriate exceed, all legal requirements and require compliance by our contractors and suppliers

Responsible for Approval:

South East Water Board

Executive Sponsor:

General Manager, Corporate Strategy

Responsible for Implementation:

Manager, Sustainability

Related Documents and Relevant Legislation

SE Water Environmental Management Manual

AS/NZS ISO14001:1996, Environmental Management Systems

The Environment Protection Act

SE Water's Sustainability Framework

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