ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

2MNO MONARO COMMUNITY RADIO INC.

1. INTRODUCTION

Monaro Community Radio (MCR) recognises its role in minimising its environmental impact and maximising the efficient use of resources.

We aim to achieve this through communication, raising awareness of our environmental responsibilities and fostering responsible environmental behaviour amongst our suppliers and volunteers.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

Monaro Community Radio is committed to minimising its impact on the environment by:

1. Providing a safe and healthy workplace.
2. Fostering an environmentally aware culture in which responsibilities are understood.
3. Being an environmentally responsible neighbour within our community.
4. Conserving natural resources through reuse and recycling.
5. Using operational processes that minimise adverse environmental impacts.
6. Ensuring the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation.
7. Participating in initiatives that improve environmental protection and understanding.
8. Working with suppliers who promote sound environmental practices.

3. ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES

3.1 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY AND INCIDENT MANAGEMENT

Monaro Community Radio will act promptly and responsibly to address incidents or conditions that endanger health, safety or the environment.

3.2 RECYCLING AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF MATERIALS

Monaro Community Radio will, where feasible, reuse and recycle materials, purchase recycled materials and use recyclable packaging and other products.

In particular, we will:

- Aim to use 100% recycled paper stock. Where 100% recycled paper is unavailable or inappropriate, we will ensure that paper is not sourced from old-growth forests or companies using unsustainable forestry practices.
- Make use of recycling programs for old computer hardware, used toner cartridges and obsolete equipment or furniture.

3.3 ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING

Monaro Community Radio will ensure that its services and products are safe, energy-efficient, protective of the environment and capable of being reused, recycled or disposed of safely.

We will:

- Consider the distance travelled by materials, food and other products, including associated transport emissions, by purchasing locally wherever possible.
- Purchase products, such as tea and coffee, that have been produced using environmentally sustainable and fair trade practices.

3.4 RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND WASTE REDUCTION

Monaro Community Radio will minimise the use of materials, water and energy, prevent air, water and other forms of pollution, and dispose of waste safely and responsibly.

We will:

1. Use natural light wherever possible.
2. Turn off lights and equipment when not in use.
3. Purchase energy-efficient office equipment.
4. Establish and encourage paperless systems where practical.
5. Set printing preferences to double-sided by default.
6. Read electronic documents on screen rather than printing them, where practicable.
7. Consider the environmental impact of travelling to face-to-face meetings and aim to meet online where appropriate, including through video or teleconferencing.
8. Consider the environmental impact of hard-copy correspondence and use electronic communication where appropriate, including mail-outs, newsletters and annual reports.

3.5 ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY

Monaro Community Radio will conserve energy through improved energy efficiency and give preference to renewable rather than non-renewable energy sources where feasible.

Monaro Community Radio has a strategic objective to install solar panels at the Cooma broadcast studio.

3.6 VOLUNTEER AWARENESS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Monaro Community Radio will ensure that every volunteer is informed of this policy and is expected to comply with its requirements.

Volunteers are also expected to report environmental, health or safety concerns so that prompt and appropriate action can be taken.

4. POLICY APPROVAL AND AVAILABILITY

This policy has been adopted at a Committee Meeting and is fully supported by management and members.

The Environmental Sustainability Policy is publicly available on the station's website at www.2mno.org.au.