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## Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy

The Gold Coast Convention and Exhibition Centre (GCCEC) is a multi-purpose venue hosting major events, conventions, meetings, exhibitions, banquets and sporting facilities in Queensland. It is the largest regional convention centre in Australia and purpose-designed (with environmental considerations), which offers flexibility and seamless flow for events.

The Centre is situated in the heart of Broadbeach on the Gold Coast and covers an area of 5.4 hectares, designed to suit the existing local urban environment. Built on a sand base, the GCCEC has been engineered to ensure limited noise pollution to surrounding suburbs and businesses in the area. State Native Title and cultural heritage requirements were considered during development.

Sustainability policies were implemented at the Centre's inception ensuring its place as a leader in environmental innovation throughout the Meeting and Events Industry. Management believe in a partnership with clients to ensure environmental and social sustainability and are committed to reducing landfill. This is achieved through proactive choices and best practices which embrace the governing principles of sustainable development including stewardship, inclusivity, integrity and transparency.

The GCCEC is committed to continually improving environmental and social sustainability performance, whilst complying with relevant Federal, State and Local laws. We strive to achieve best practice by aligning with EarthCheck™, the world's largest environmental management program, for all indicators in our EarthCheck™ Benchmarking. Sourcing products and services locally and in accordance with fair trade principles is preferred.

The Assistant Facilities Manager, Property Operations, has been appointed EarthCheck Coordinator and has the responsibility of ensuring the ongoing environmental performance, identification of environmental risks, recording, monitoring of impacts and implementing environmental and social sustainability strategies.

Special consideration is given to employing local team members and we encourage all staff to represent our commitment to environmental and social sustainability and our Benchmarked status under the EarthCheck programme with the following areas;

- Quarterly Project Green Committee Meetings which include members from all aspects of the business, ensuring a proactive approach within the entire company
- Continuously educate clients, contractors and suppliers on environmental techniques and policies via annual review and correspondence of the Environmental and Social Sustainability Policy.
- Purchase energy saving devices and equipment
- Provide resources to meet our environmental obligations with client requests
- Provide comprehensive management plans for waste, energy and water conservation
- Work closely with local and state government and industry bodies on implementing new environmental developments.

Employees, customers and the community are invited to suggest ideas to further achieve best practice in environmental and social sustainability. This policy is to be reviewed annually.

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Adrienne Readings  
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