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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT / SUSTAINABILITY

POLICY STATEMENT

Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty vision is healthy, thriving communities. Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty understands that in order for our communities to thrive, we must have a healthy and flourishing environment. Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty also accepts that climate change will have a significant impact on human health. This in turn will have an effect on Te Whatu Ora and the services that they provide. Therefore, it is Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty's aim to strive toward managing natural and physical resources in an efficient, responsible and sustainable manner by taking practicable steps to mitigate adverse effects on the environment from the use of these resources.

PURPOSE


Kaitiakitanga is one of the eight pou of *He Pou Oranga Tangata Whenua*. This pou is reflected in the strategic element of *Wai Ora*, as laid out in *Te Toi Ahorangi*. By understanding and applying the concepts of *Kaitiakitanga – caring for people and planet: A framework for Environmental Sustainability at Bay of Plenty District Health Board* (Kaitiakitanga Framework), Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty aims to work with stakeholders to protect our environment, culture, society, and economic stability, to enable our communities to get well, live well, and stay well.

PRIORITIES

Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty will work towards achieving the following 10 priorities which help to inform Environmental Sustainability Action Plans, and align with Ministry of Health expectations:

1. **Leadership:** *Prioritising environmental health as a strategic imperative*. This includes staff engagement alongside broader communications endeavours which demonstrate leadership and commitment to environmental sustainability and carbon footprint reduction.
2. **Accountability:** *Accountability and commitment to change*. This includes a specific focus on reporting and monitoring to inform our engagement with the Toitū Carbonreduce (previously CEMARS) programme, and setting annual goals, biennial action plans, and longer term carbon reduction targets.
3. **Waste:** *Reducing, treating, and safely disposing of healthcare waste*. This includes understanding our waste footprint and setting targets and instigating solutions to reduce this footprint.
4. **Energy:** *Implementing energy efficiency and promoting and adopting clean, renewable energy generation*. This is closely linked to the Built Environment priority and includes understanding our behaviours relating to energy use within Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty.
5. **Transport/Travel:** *Improving transportation strategies for patients and staff*. This includes implementing the recommendations from the Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Travel Plan.

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6. **Procurement:** *Buying safer and more sustainable products and materials.* This includes working with our current providers to ensure they are working towards more sustainable solutions.
7. **Built Environment:** *Supporting green and healthy design and construction.* This includes considering Green Star and NABERS initiatives, and biophilic design principles by adopting environmentally sustainable design principles.
8. **Water:** *Reducing hospital water consumption and promoting water as the drink of choice.* This includes investigating solutions to ensure water is freely available on site for staff, patients, visitors and whānau.
9. **Food:** *Purchasing and serving healthy, sustainably grown food, reducing the carbon footprint created by food consumption where possible.* This includes investigating the feasibility of hospital-based community gardens.
10. **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation:** *Understanding the impacts that climate change will have on our hospitals, our people and our communities.* This includes adaptation planning and climate related risk mitigation.


EXCLUSIONS

- Dangerous goods and hazardous substances (refer policy 5.1.11 Hazardous Substances Management)

REFERENCES

- Before the first pour (EECA Design documents)
- [Building Act 2004](#)
- Energy Efficiency and Conservation Act 2000
- Energy-Wise Companies Campaign - Key Principles
- Environmental Act 1986
- Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
- Health and Disabilities Act 1994
- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Land Transport Act 1998
- Land Transport Rule, Dangerous Goods 1999
- Local Government Act 1989
- Ministry for the Environment – New Zealand’s Greenhouse Gas Inventory
- Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment – Energy in New Zealand 2017
- Ministry of Economic Development – New Zealand Energy Strategy 2011 – 2021
- New Zealand Waste Strategy 2010
- Resource Management Act 1991 and Regulations
- Relevant local council Waste Minimisation and Management Plans
- Toxic Substances Act 1979
- New Zealand Building Code
- AS/NZS 3598:2014 Energy Audits
- [NZS 4218:2009 Thermal Insulation – Housing and small buildings](#)
- NZS 4220:1982 Code of practice for energy conservation in non-residential buildings
- NZS 4243:2007 Energy efficiency
- [NZS 4304:2002 Management of Healthcare Waste](#)

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- AS/NZS 4478:1997 Guide to the reprocessing of reusable containers for the collection of sharp items used in human and animal clinical/medical applications
- AS/NZS ISO 14000 Set: Environmental management standards collection
- AS/NZS ISO 14004:2004 Environmental management systems - General guidelines on principles, systems and supporting techniques

ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 5.1.9 protocol 1 Environmental Management Standards
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 2.1.1 Risk Management
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 2.1.3 Hazard Management
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 2.1.4 Incident Management
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 2.3.3 Staff Travel and Accommodation
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 3.4.1 Asset Management
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 3.5.1 Capital Expenditure
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 3.5.7 Product Evaluation
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 3.5.8 Purchasing
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 3.5.10 Procurement
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 5.1.6 Transport – Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Fleet Vehicle
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 5.1.11 Hazardous Substances Management
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 5.3.1 Health and Safety
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty policy 5.5.2 Parking
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Energy Management Plan (EMP) (WIP)
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (ESAP)
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Environmental Sustainability Design Principles
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Travel Plan
- Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty Waste Minimisation and Management Plan (WMMP)
- Kaitiakitanga – caring for people and planet: A framework for Environmental Sustainability at Te Whatu Ora Hauora a Toi Bay of Plenty
- Te Toi Ahorangi

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