

## 1. Purpose

The Australian Institute of Marine Science is a Commonwealth Statutory Authority. Our mission is to provide the research and knowledge of Australia's tropical marine estate required to support growth in its sustainable use, effective environmental management and protection of its unique ecosystems. Many of the issues that AIMS investigates within the marine environment are a result of environmental pressures. We commit to show leadership in ensuring that we conduct our own operations in the most sustainable way possible.

## 2. Scope

This policy applies to all AIMS workers including staff, contractors, volunteers and visitors engaged in activities under AIMS' operational control.

## 3. Principles

AIMS' operations include office, laboratory and field-based activities across Northern Australia, both on land and at sea. We are committed to minimising environmental impact arising from the operation of our business by reducing waste, maximizing energy efficiency and by operating with care in the locations and the sensitive ecosystems in which we conduct our research.

We will engage with our employees, contractors, suppliers and stakeholders to develop and implement environmental initiatives and standards of best practice; monitoring and reporting our performance against set objectives. The AIMS Strategy 2025 commits us to a 25% reduction in our own carbon emissions, 25% in solid waste to landfill and 10% fresh water usage.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Institute of Marine Science is accountable to the Council for ensuring that this policy is implemented.



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