



# Environmental Sustainability Statement

## Our commitment

The ICS team is committed to delivering services in a way that supports the sustainability of our planet **and** our cultural heritage. In broad terms, we subscribe to the Brundtland 1987 Commission definition:

*Sustainable development is development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.*

We believe that every individual and organisation must have a voice on this issue and play their part to achieve this goal.



## ICS initiatives to reduce our environmental impact

At ICS Sydney, Melbourne and Canberra labs, on all our work sites, and in our methods and materials, we are taking practical measures to contribute to the worldwide goal of mitigating catastrophic global warming. We have found plenty of opportunities to save energy, reduce emissions, and make our workplace a little greener. We also regularly review our initiatives to keep up to date with emerging options and improvements.

### Some of our initiatives include:

- re-use and recycling of materials wherever possible, including hard and soft plastics, glass, paper and other recyclables
- monitoring and assessment of electrical and water consumption
- audits to assess waste and consumption of hazardous substances
- audits to ensure safe storage and disposal of hazardous substances in accordance with EPA requirements
- minimising the use of powered equipment to reduce carbon emissions and consumption of resources
- regularly maintaining vehicles, plant and equipment to reduce air pollution and maximise efficiency
- use of energy efficient lighting throughout our buildings
- turning off lights, electrical equipment and appliances when they are not required
- use of 100% recycled paper
- maintaining a worm farm and compost bins for recycling food waste



### **Environmental Management Planning**

We undertake site work in a wide range of environments. Depending on the scope of works, we prepare Environmental Risk Management Plans to assess and minimise environmental impacts, such as:

- Air quality (ie dust, pollution)
- Energy management (minimising usage)
- Noise (time restrictions)
- Waste management (ie water run-off, disposal of chemicals and material waste)

We outline actions, frequency, measures being taken, responsibility for monitoring, reporting and reviewing.

#### **Typical measures undertaken by ICS may include:**

- Segregation, capture and disposal of solvents and chemicals in accordance with government regulations.
- Provision of appropriate spill kits and clean up equipment for all substances used on site.
- Barriers to prevent foreign materials entering storm water drains or natural water courses.
- Keeping work areas as tidy, free of litter and wastes as is reasonably practical.
- Not disturbing or harming flora and fauna on sites.
- Taking all reasonable steps to minimise the creation of dust and noise.
- Being aware of and taking appropriate action when potential asbestos-containing materials are identified.
- Disposing of hazardous and non-hazardous wastes at appropriate facilities.
- Reporting all environmental incidents to the appropriate Safety, Health & Environmental Manager.