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## Environmental Management Policy

The mission of the National Marine Aquarium is: Driving Marine Conservation Through Engagement

The organisation recognises that in striving to achieve this mission that it will have an impact upon the environment. Our overall environmental aim will be to conduct our operations and activities in a way that minimises those impacts over which we have control by a programme of continual improvement and to inform and inspire our visitors of our environmental achievements.

The main environmental impacts from our business have been identified as:

- The use of energy in operating and maintaining the Aquarium
- Water usage in maintaining the aquarium exhibits
- Generation of waste from all aspects of the business
- The footprint created by visitors and employees and general community

The Environmental Policy aims are therefore:

- To comply with all applicable environmental legislation and other requirements
- To continually monitor, improve and work towards reducing our energy consumption
- To reduce our use of fresh water as far as practicable without adversely affecting the health of our livestock
- To reduce our waste impact by a process of waste minimisation
- To have up to date emergency plans to deal with any foreseeable pollution and to continually improve and prevent possible acts of pollution
- To provide a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets
- To ensure that all staff are fully aware of their actions in helping the organisation to achieve its environmental aims
- To work towards reducing the environmental impact of the business, staff and visitor transport
- To carry out an environmental impact assessment on all projects we undertake
- To communicate our activities both internally and externally

Signed



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