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<b>Environment</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE

This Policy outlines V/Line Passenger's ("V/Line") commitment to improve environmental performance and achieve compliance with applicable environmental legislation, regulations and AS/NZS ISO 14001. V/Line is committed to conducting its operations in the most environmentally sustainable manner as practicable, promoting environmental awareness amongst all staff, contractors and customers and demonstrating environmental responsibility.

## 2. SCOPE

The scope of this Policy encompasses all V/Line's rail operations and business activities. It provides a framework for establishing:

- Environmental objectives
- Targets
- Action plans
- Procedural documentation, and
- Review and evaluation mechanisms.

## 3. ACCOUNTABILITY

All General Managers are to ensure that staff and/or contractors under his/her area of responsibility adhere to this Policy and other associated procedures.

## 4. POLICY

V/Line demonstrates its commitment to improved environmental performance through:

- Maintenance of a robust and effective Environment Management System (EMS) based upon the principles within AS/NZS ISO 14001
- Compliance with all applicable government policies, environmental legislation and other requirements e.g. Energy Efficiency Opportunities Act
- Reviewing and improving the environmental performance of stations, work sites and facilities state-wide through periodic audits, inspections and reviews
- Efficient usage of resources including energy, water and materials
- Preventing pollution by endeavouring to reduce waste and emissions
- Communicating environmental awareness to staff, contractors and customers
- Promoting environmental responsibility by encouraging suppliers, contractors and subcontractors to adopt international environmental standards
- Active identification of improvement opportunities and implementation of improvement initiatives when practicable
- Including environmental aspects in the risk assessment of its business activities
- Reporting annually on environmental management and performance both internally and externally to facilitate continuous improvement



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