

Inland Rail Environment and Sustainability Policy

Inland Rail commits to the following throughout design, construction and operation:

- **No harm:**
 - Our goal is that no-one is harmed at work or on our network.
- **Engage early and meaningfully with stakeholders, including First Nations organisations, communities, industry and government:**
 - Build effective working relationships and a shared understanding of the Program and solutions.
- **Promote long-term economic benefits within communities:**
 - Create lasting opportunities for development of skilled local and First Nations workers;
 - Support local and First Nations businesses to ensure they are prepared for and provided with opportunities to participate; and
 - Enable Inland Rail to be a catalyst for complementary private sector investment.
- **Protect the environment by minimising the environmental footprint:**
 - Apply the principles to avoid, minimise, offset to manage impacts to receiving environments and ecological values;
 - Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, minimise waste and apply circular economy principles of reuse and repurposing of materials;
 - Minimise water use;
 - Continually investigate opportunities to improve environmental values and prevent pollution, and;
 - Obtain and comply with all environmental approvals and compliance obligations.
- **Future-proof Inland Rail so it is efficient and effective in the long term:**
 - Design for climate change resilience;
 - Incorporate the future demand requirements and corridor uses in current design.
- **Base decisions on a balanced consideration of technical, economic, environmental and social elements:**
 - Adopt a consistent approach across the Program.
- **Regularly review and audit processes and performance:**
 - Challenge the way we have always done things – ensure we are doing what we said we would do.
- **Drive a culture of continuous improvement:**
 - Seek to improve, collaborate and value add throughout delivery, and;
 - Continually improve our Environmental Management System to enhance environmental performance.

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