

# Environmental Policy

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## **This environmental policy covers all aspects of our farming operations:**

**(list enterprises)**

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As the managers of \_\_\_\_\_ (business), our goal is to achieve a balance between environmental and social responsibility and financial viability with consideration for:

- The health of our soil, water and air
- Animal, human and community welfare
- Biodiversity

By continually improving our environmental management, we are committed to:

- Implementing good environmental practices and to meeting legal, catchment and industry environmental requirements.
- Preventing pollution of land, water and air
- Protecting native flora and fauna
- Minimising wastes generated on farm

We are committed to addressing potential environmental impacts that may arise from our farming operation and producing food and fibre in an environmentally responsible manner.

Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date:     /     /

# Developing your own Environmental Policy

An environmental policy is a document that states a business' environmental objectives and commitment to improving its environmental performance. Developing an environmental policy can help farming families to confirm their goals for the future.

An environmental policy is a requirement when developing an auditable ISO14001 Environmental Management System. It is also a condition of accessing funding through the Environmental Management Systems Incentive Program (EMSIP).

Generally, an environmental policy includes the following:

- a) A brief statement, describing the nature of your farming business
- b) General goals for environmental management and commitment to continually improving your environmental management
- c) Any significant impacts or environmental issues that you are managing
- d) Recognizes your commitment to legal, catchment and industry environmental requirement (eg legislation relevant to chemical use or flora and fauna protection) and the prevention of pollution. Some of these are listed in your Environmental Best Management Practices self-assessment book and the six booklets DPI publication 'Environmental Requirements for Victorian Farmers'.

## Example Environmental Policy

Lazyroo is a grazing and cropping property, which produces primarily wool, lamb, canola and oats.

As the owners and managers of 'Lazyroo', we are committed to continually improving our environmental management by addressing environmental impacts that arise from our farming operation and by supplying wool and grain that has been produced in an environmentally responsible manner. We are committed to

We have undertaken an assessment of our farming business and identified the following areas for improvement:

- Soil health
- Protecting waterways (fencing, revegetating and minimising nutrient runoff)
- Salinity
- Protecting remnants and increasing biodiversity
- Farm safety

All workers at 'Lazyroo' are committed to implementing good environmental practices and to meeting legal, catchment and industry environmental requirements.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date:     /     /