



Foreground

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Environmental Sustainability Policy

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Fooks Martin Sandow Anson Pty Ltd trading as Foreground Architecture (formerly FMSA Architecture) recognises our impact on the environment both directly, through our business operations, and indirectly through the designs and services provided on behalf of our clients. Our practice approach is grounded in a committed for people and planet. We recognise sustainability encompasses environmental, cultural, economic, and social factors, and are committed to actioning our policy objectives to deliver benefits to our practice, staff, clients, stakeholders, collaborators, and the community.

As signatories of the Australian Architects Declare movement, our actions aim to address the challenges of the climate and biodiversity emergencies through our professional services and business practices.

The impact of the built environment industry on the environment is significant. We recognise our responsibilities as architects and interior designers to find innovative methods to minimise or mitigate this impact by employing leading ESD principles to minimise environmental impacts, achieve continual improvement and prevent pollution during design and construction activity.

We maintain ethical and sustainable business practices and are committed to continually reducing our operational impact through considered procurement, initiatives to reduce our consumption of natural resources, and minimise contribution to landfill.

We are committed to supporting all staff to expand and implement their knowledge of sustainable practices and design principles as it applies to their roles to educate our clients and community through are designs and services.

Objectives:

1. Minimise and reduce the impact of our operations through considered sustainable purchasing and management actions.
2. Fulfill our environmental, cultural, economic and social sustainability obligations set by our clients in relation to our professional services and designs.
3. Support staff to research and build knowledge environmental and social sustainability topics to continually improve our design, service, and operational responses.
4. Continually reduce the environmental impact of our designs by raising awareness among our clients, stakeholders, and collaborators of environmental, climate and biodiversity emergencies, and the benefits of integrating sustainable design principles in our projects including resource and pollution minimisation, waste reduction, on site energy generation, carbon neutrality, and decreased embodied carbon.
5. Seek opportunities to integrate sustainable design and climate responsive actions in our projects appropriate to the scale and project brief, including encouraging workshops, developing project principles, and implementing a Sustainability Management Plan.
6. Promote awareness among our team to support company sustainability initiatives including waste redirection program, in-house training, social procurement, and developing a considered product library.
7. Minimise our operational and design contribution to land fill, by purchasing and specifying products and services where possible that minimise environmental impact and have a favourable lifecycle assessment.
8. Comply with relevant legislation including principles of the Climate Change Act 2017.
9. Take actions that address climate and biodiversity challenges including conservation of the natural environment and recognised heritage buildings, adoption of sustainable design principles, and our responsibility in caring for Country.



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